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There is joy — and hardship where missionaries labor

By Art Toalston

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — When a terrorist bomb explodes somewhere in Europe or the Middle East, missionary Marion Lineberger can almost hear it in Argentina.

Danger was a fact of life for Lineberger and other missionaries in Argentina during the 1970s. "Yankee Go Home" slogans abounded on street after street.

Terrorists threatened physical harm against Americans and, with their bombs, kept everyone else in fear. Rarely did a day pass without one or more explosions.

"You didn't know when you walked out on the street if you were going to come back that day or not," Lineberger recalls.

Terrorist bombs still rock Argentina every so often. No country it seems can free all its citizens from such sad realities as terrorism, poverty, soaring inflation, prejudice or even simple, agonizing loneliness.

Lineberger is one of 3,700-plus Southern Baptist foreign missionaries who, in different ways in 107 countries, labor in the midst of the world's woes. Special reinforcement comes their way each December as churches across the United States participate in the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

"We Must Make Christ Known," this year's Week of Prayer theme, is reflected throughout the ranks of Southern Baptist missionaries. Lineberger, for example, notes, "We stayed (in Argentina) because God called us there. That was all that mattered."

Ray Hicks, a missionary who works among Arabs in Israel, winces at the misconception that he mingles with terrorists.

"We can't stereotype Arabs," Hicks



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says. "Some terrorists may be Arab, but Arabs are not terrorists. They're the most hospitable people I've ever met. They'll bend over backwards to be of help. They have the same needs and hurts and joys that we have."

But Arabs who leave Islam via Christian baptism may be ostracized by their families, lose their jobs, or suffer ridicule.

"A person's faith needs to be strong for what is going to come after baptism," Hicks says.

Arab Baptists from five churches and a dozen missions in Israel gather at the Sea of Galilee or Jordan River about every three months to baptize five to 15 new believers.

In Israel, that's progress. "For a long time we haven't had it like this,"

Hicks says. "Arab Baptists and missionaries have planted faithfully over the years, and the harvest has been small."

In Bangladesh, missionary Glenn Bien, a Mississippian, has stood alongside former outcast and low-caste Hindus facing severe ostracism after professing faith in Christ.

In one small village, for example, use of the public well was denied to two dozen converts after they were baptized in November 1984.

Bien and several Bangladeshi Baptist leaders met with government officials and succeeded in getting the water rights restored once a Muslim official concurred that all people — "even Christians" — deserve access to public facilities.

In Thailand, missionary Bill Smith never forgets how deeply Buddhism is embedded in the culture. It's the national religion. Government funds are used for Buddhist activities and festivals. A brass, bronze, or pottery image of Buddha, one or more feet in height, can be seen in every government office.

"For many Thais, to consider any other religion is unpatriotic," Smith says.

Thus, commitment to Christ and baptism in Thailand, as in Israel, Bangladesh and numerous other countries, carries both perils for new believers and a challenge for Thai Baptist churches to rally around those whose new faith is accompanied by sudden hardship.

Making Christ known is often not easy. For missionaries working in the hard places around the world, difficulties do not offer an option to abandon their mandate. For them, and for the Christians back home, making Christ known is reason enough to continue.

Art Toalston writes for FMB.



The 1984 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions changed Melissa and David Chism's lives. Until then, Chism says he had been able to suppress a feeling of call to foreign missions because he was so happy and fulfilled in his job as a minister of education and outreach at First Baptist Church in Pensacola, Fla. But when he heard Dorothy Sample, then national president of Woman's Missionary Union, tell about the great need for missionaries overseas, he knew he had to consider God's call seriously. The Chisms now are attending language school in Costa Rica to prepare for missionary service in Ecuador. (FMB) PHOTO By Stanley Leary

A speech crystallized a call already formed

By Carol Garrett

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — David Chism looked as if he had been struck by lightning. His wife, Melissa, saw the change come over his face.

Dorothy Sample's words went straight to his heart and crystallized a call that had been forming there for many years.

"If there were as many Baptist preachers per capita in the United States as in Southeast Asia, there would only be 16 preachers in this country," said Sample, then national president of Woman's Missionary Union.

David looked around. There in that Sunday morning worship service in comfortable First Baptist Church of Pensacola, Fla., sat seven ordained ministers. He was one of them.

That was two years ago during a Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions emphasis. Today, David and Melissa Chism are newly appointed missionaries to Ecuador. For them, making Christ known is no longer somebody else's responsibility. It's an urgent, personal call that cannot be ignored.

"If there's any validity to what we believe we must share. I can't with good conscience tell people in my church to give all they have if I'm not willing to live that kind of Christian life," said David.

He went home that day and told Melissa that Sample's words had made him realize that the call to foreign missions was for him.

But commitment to a personal vision of making Christ known happens at different times for different people — even married people being called into missions.

"I was so convicted that that call was for us. He knew beyond any doubt that day. But I didn't feel a call," said Melissa.

She had, however, been active in her church missions education organizations as a Sunbeam and then a GA (now Mission Friends and Girls in Action). She had even felt, as a college

sophomore, a call to full-time Christian service. Because of her missions background, she interpreted this college experience as a possible call to missions.

"I know beyond any shadow of a doubt that it was my exposure to missions during that time that helped prepare me to be open to a call later," she said.

As she and David talked throughout the rest of that December, Melissa said there was a gradual evolving of her own sense of a call. In January she attended a WMU missions retreat and returned convicted that she and her husband must be foreign missionaries.

Melissa realized that her blessings had at first made it hard to recognize her call, but then helped her understand it. She thought about her Christian family, her church missions programs, her seminary education. And then she looked at the rest of the world.

"We were so happy and comfortable at Pensacola. It was difficult to see that the Lord wanted us to leave. But God gave, and I couldn't keep. He gave every opportunity and blessing possible to receive. I really felt compelled to go and share Christ," Melissa said.

Being compelled to share Christ isn't always a natural feeling for many Christians in America today, according to David. Too many have the mindset of "We've got the gospel here. If you want it you can come get it," he said.

This mindset has to change, Melissa said, because the Lord has called all Christians to go. Their call may not be like the Chisms, to Ecuador, but the urgency is still there, she said — even if it's just to walk next door.

The Chisms have answered their call, and not a moment too soon, according to David.

"I know the urgency of making Christ known. At best I've got 30 years. That doesn't look like a very long time."

Carol Garrett writes for WMU, SBC.



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Editorials . . . by Don McGregor

A historic statement

The recent prayer retreat of the Southern Baptist Peace Committee may have seen a historic moment in Southern Baptist life in the offering of a united statement by the presidents of the six SBC seminaries.

That is not intended to sound as if the six presidents would have had a hard time agreeing on such a statement. It is intended to mean that the statement itself is historic.

Southern Baptists have been entangled in an unsolvable controversy for more than seven years. It has been carried on by devotees of both sides of the spectrum, and there has been no way to get it under control.

The six seminaries have been at the heart of the situation. From the beginning until now, the storm has swirled around them. It is only natural that it would be so. The seminaries are the seats of knowledge for Southern Baptists' preachers and other ministers.

The seminaries could have thrown up their defenses and said come after us if you dare. They never did that, but they remained at the center of the storm anyway.

Now they have come forth with a

statement that indeed should pour soothing oil on a very tender condition. Their statement said in effect that they have recognized their involvement in the controversy, whether it is involuntary or not; and they presented a unified statement of how they plan to go about conducting their affairs so that, if they are the main reason for there being a controversy, the controversy can be solved.

As has been noted in news reports, there are seven points in the president's statement. The statement affirmed and promised enforcement of the confessional statements of the seminaries. It promised to foster balanced teaching. It pledged respect for the convictions of all Southern Baptists. The statement committed the presidents to pick teachers and speakers from across the SBC theological spectrum. It promised to lead seminary communities in spiritual dimensions. It pledged to support evangelism and missions while emphasizing doctrine and heritage. And it announced three national conferences on biblical inerrancy.

Those are powerful statements, but the presidents were not through. In addition to their list of seven commitments they also had three philosophical statements. They affirmed belief in the supernatural origin and history of Christianity and the biblical accounts of miracles. They established belief in full inspiration of the scripture, including the belief that none of the books of the Bible is errant in any area of reality. Then they stated their belief that the seminaries are fulfilling their purposes but that they are not perfect and that there are legitimate concerns about them which are being addressed.

If that statement, now being called the Glorieta statement because that is where the prayer retreat was held, does not begin a breakthrough toward peace, we have no hope at all.

The Peace Committee took the presidents at their word and voted without dissent to affirm and accept the proposals.

The actions by the seminary presidents and the Peace Committee have given us rallying points. Surely



everyone, regardless of his position on the spectrum, and even if he has to give in at a place or two, can move toward those points and thus give us the beginning of a move toward peace.

If that can happen, the statement indeed will have been historic; and the Peace Committee will have served in a vital and noble way.

Guest opinion . . . Reader's Digest and the politics of famine relief

By Robert Parham

Has American famine aid to Ethiopia been massively misappropriated?

The editors of Reader's Digest think so. The October issue contains an article written by Rony Brauman, a physician connected with a nonprofit, humanitarian French group called Doctors Without Borders, entitled "Famine Aid: Were We Duped?"

Ignore the title's question mark. Neither the editors nor Brauman think there is any question but that representatives from relief agencies and donor governments "were continually duped by their Ethiopian guides." Brauman claims that relief organizations, Western governments, the media, the rockstars, just about everybody, "were the victims of . . . hoodwinking." The tragic truth, he asserts, is that "we have been duped."

With a circulation of 28 million and full-page reprints in The New York Times and The Washington Post, the article cannot be dismissed. Seeds of doubt have been scattered which, if not crushed, will yield a whirlwind of unnecessary skepticism about hunger relief efforts. And crushing these seeds will take a long, long time.

The general charge is that the Marxist government of Ethiopia has

duped the West through the misuse of famine aid: "We watched the cynical betrayal of the international-aid campaign," writes Brauman. "Here is the harsh truth: your donations have been massively misappropriated. . . . Money, food and equipment intended for the starving have been hijacked by the authorities. . . ."

The broad-sweeping article, filled with strident rhetoric and minor misstatements, focuses on two major issues.

The first is the question of resettlement. Brauman and the editors believe that "like bait in a trap, Western-donated food is being used to lure the starving from their villages into deportation centers." The half-truth is that some 600,000 Ethiopians have been coercively moved from the northern region of the famine and civil war to the more fertile and less populated southern region. Unfortunately Reader's Digest stops here and fails to mention that the poorly implemented and often brutal resettlement effort has been widely criticized.

The larger picture is that the resettlement program was originally drafted in the early 1970s by the U.S. Agency for International Develop-

ment under the pro-Western government of Emperor Haile Selassie, but not instituted until late in 1984 under the pro-Marxist government of Mengistu Haile Mariam. Furthermore, Brauman writes as if the resettlement effort is still continuing. The truth is that the article has been published nine months after the resettlement program was halted, in part because of international criticism.

The second issue is the appropriation of hunger aid. Brauman charges that this aid has been "massively misappropriated." No doubt, grain has been lost; some has even rotted. Both are tragic wastes. The lack of transportation facilities and vehicles plus the strained relationship between the U.S. and Ethiopia create problems which cost lives, as did the Ethiopian civil war in which the government placed a greater priority on guns than grain. What is missing in the Reader's Digest version is the necessary distinction between unfortunate yet expected relief problems and the deliberate misuse of aid. To charge that our donations have been "massively misappropriated" is to misunderstand totally how U.S. foreign aid works and to smear the relief efforts of some 40 different organizations do-

Pastors begin conference

Mississippi Baptists' first Pastors' Conference begins Monday morning at 10 o'clock. It had a struggle getting under way, because a committee appointed during the Mississippi Baptist Convention three years ago to study the feasibility of beginning such a conference counseled against it a year later, and the convention concurred.

The interest in having a Pastors' Conference was strong, however, and last year the convention elected to begin one; and a committee was appointed to get it under way. The committee acted as a program committee and designed this first year's agenda. Hereafter, the pastors' conference organization will be responsible for programming.

An interesting program has been established. As committee members have noted, there are pastors to speak from every segment of pastoral life. Gene Henderson, pastor of First Church, Brandon, and chairman of the committee which planned the program, said the program will offer something for everybody. A bi-

vocational pastor, Bill Henderson, pastor of New Bethel Church in Carroll County, will be one of the speakers. He is an insurance salesman.

Jon Doler, who is pastor of First Church, Raleigh, is another speaker. He represents the pastorate of a county seat church. The open country church is represented by Victor Bonner, who is pastor of New Hope Church in Lowndes County. A suburban pastor is Tommy Vinson, pastor of Colonial Hills Church, Southaven, a suburb of Memphis. Then a metropolitan pastor, Bill Causey, will speak. He is pastor of Parkway Church, Jackson.

Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will be on the program. And from outside of Mississippi will be Darrell Robinson, pastor of Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, Ala.

This is a new venture for Mississippi Baptists. It was born out of the cry of pastors for its initiation. It will get under way Monday.

ing humanitarian work under the most trying of circumstances.

In the case of Ethiopia, only 50 out of 800 thousand tons of food assistance from the U.S. was channeled through the Ethiopian government, all of which U.S. AID monitored. The re-

maining 750 thousand tons went from our government through private relief agencies.

The possibility that private relief agencies, such as CARE and church-sponsored organizations, would either

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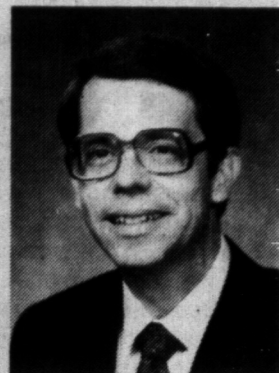
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First Baptist Church
Jackson, Mississippi

And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God (Ezekiel 11:19-20).

Suggested Order of Business

Nov. 10, 1986
Monday evening

- 6:45 Prelude
7:00 Call To Worship Mississippi Singing Churchmen
Milfred Valentine, Director
- Congregational Praise — Dan Hall
Scripture — Troy Land (Psalm 40:1-9)
Prayer — Leonard Howell
- 7:05 Organization of Convention
Recognition and Seating of Messengers — Frank Gunn
Report of Committee on Order of Business — Gordon H. Sansing
Welcome — Frank Pollard
- 7:15 Special Music Mississippi Singing Churchmen
7:20 Bible Treasure Charles Carter
7:45 New Workers Recognized Earl Kelly
Report of Committee on Committees — Hueston Adkins
Report of Constitution and Bylaws Committee — Mary Libby Payne
Presentation of the 1987 Budget — Marvin Bond
- 8:10 Congregational Praise Dan Hall
8:15 Recognition of College Presidents, Executive Director of the Baptist
Children's Village, and Administrator of Mississippi Baptist Medical
Center
- 8:25 Special Music Mississippi Singing Churchmen
Message Earl Kelly
- Benediction
Choral Praise Mississippi Singing Churchmen

Nov. 11, 1986
Tuesday morning

- 8:45 Prelude
9:00 Call to Worship First Baptist Church Choir, Biloxi
Leon Bedsole, Director
- Congregational Praise — Leon Bedsole
Scripture — Roy Clark (Romans 6:1-7; 7:6)
Prayer — Raybon Richardson
- 9:05 Bible Treasure Charles Carter
9:30 Business Session
Presentation of Resolutions — Roy McHenry
Election of Convention President
- 10:00 Report of Christian Action Commission Paul Jones
10:10 Special Music First Baptist Church Choir, Biloxi
10:15 Congregational Praise Leon Bedsole
10:20 Report of Committees
Nominations — Odean Puckett
Time, Place, and Preacher — James Richardson
- 10:25 Business Session
Report of Convention Board — Paul Stevens
Adoption of Budget — Marvin Bond
Miscellaneous Business
- 10:45 Report of Board of Ministerial Education Hardy Denham
10:50 Report of Mississippi Baptist Foundation Harold Kitchings
10:55 Congregational Praise Leon Bedsole
11:00 Special Music First Baptist Church Choir, Biloxi

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Convention to open at traditional site

By Tim Nicholas

The annual Mississippi Baptist Convention features a mix of inspiration and essential business matters, both of which help in keeping the work of Mississippi Baptists on track. This year's convention will take place at the traditional site, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Nov. 10-12.

Business matters include consideration of a \$19 million Cooperative Program budget for 1987, election of trustees to the various agencies, reports from those agencies, consideration of resolutions, and election of officers. President Frank Gunn, pastor of First Baptist Church, Biloxi, is eligible for a second one year term.

Speakers for this year's convention include Gunn, who will deliver the

president's address, and Odean Puckett, pastor of First Baptist Church, Natchez, who will present the annual sermon.

Each year the convention offers a series of devotional messages, called Bible Treasure, one per session. Charles Carter, pastor of Shades Mountain Baptist Church, Birmingham, will deliver the Bible Treasure messages this year.

Other speakers for this year's convention include Daniel Vestal, Lewis Myers, Lloyd Elder, and Earl Kelly. Vestal is pastor of First Baptist Church, Midland, Tex. He is a member of the SBC Peace Committee. Elder is president of the Southern

Baptist Sunday School Board. Myers, a Mississippian, heads the Foreign Mission Board's organization which develops ministries in countries where no missionaries can presently serve. And Kelly is executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Special music during the convention will be led by the Mississippi Singing Churchmen, the choirs of First Baptist Churches of Biloxi and Natchez, the choir of Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, and the Leake County Associational Youth Choir.

Accompanists for the convention are Becky Payne and Eva Hart, staff musicians at First Baptist Church, Jackson.

To Mississippi Baptists

As president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, I want to invite and urge you to attend our annual meeting in Jackson, Nov. 10-12, at the First Baptist Church. The Order of Business Committee has planned a challenging program around the theme, "One Heart and a New Spirit."

I ask you to come expecting our God to richly bless all sessions. We should come expecting to enjoy fellowship together, to receive inspiration from the worship opportunities, and to allow the Spirit of Christ to prevail as we conduct his business. I certainly request you to continue praying for all sessions as well as the Pastors' Conference program that will precede the convention with two sessions, beginning on Monday morning.

Together, let us pray for a sweet spirit to prevail.

The 1985 Mississippi Baptist Convention achieved a record number of registered messengers. We anticipate great participation again this year as we gather to allow our heavenly Father to do what he wants in and through us.

Expectantly,
Frank Gunn
President,
Mississippi Baptist Convention

FMB appoints five with state ties

Two couples and a single adult with Mississippi ties have been appointed missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Minda Hogstrom will serve in Yemen as a nurse. She attends Southern Seminary and is a staff nurse at Humana Hospital in Louisville.

A graduate of the University of Alabama, she earned the master of science degree from Columbia University and has served as a nurse and midwife at a health service agency in Pontotoc, Miss.

Miss Hogstrom was an FMB Journeyman in Gaza.

David and Robin Johnson were appointed to Japan where he will teach in a university and the two will be involved in outreach ministries. He attends Midwestern Seminary and was recently an associate professor in biology at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn.

A graduate of Samford University, he earned the Ph.D. degree from (Continued on page 7)

CONVENTION MEALS

CAREY BREAKFAST

William Carey College will sponsor a breakfast for its alumni at 7:45 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, in the Small Dining Room of First Baptist Church, Jackson.

Milton Wheeler, vice president for student development at Carey, will speak about his recent trips to India and China. Reservations are not required, but those interested in more information may contact Wheeler at (601) 582-6109.

BBI LUNCH

The Baptist Bible Institute is sponsoring a luncheon for its alumni, at noon on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Primos Restaurant, across the street from the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. Wiley Richards will be the speaker.

SOUTHERN SEMINARY LUNCH

A luncheon for alumni of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will be held at 12:30 on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Galloway Memorial Methodist Church, Jackson.

AWARDS BANQUET

An associational awards banquet will be held Nov. 11 at 5 p.m. at Calvary Church, Jackson.

S'WESTERN LUNCH

Larry Salter will lead the annual meeting of Southwestern Seminary's alumni in Mississippi Nov. 11.



The gathering will be at Denney's Restaurant in Jackson at noon. Tickets may be ordered from Salter, who is a consultant with the state Sunday School Department (Box 530, Jackson, 39205, or call 968-3800.)

Representing Southwestern will be Leon McBeth, professor of church history. He and Salter will report on major achievements of the past year and Upward 90, Southwestern's strategic plan for ministry in the 1990s. Price per ticket is \$10.50.

BMC SUPPER

The Blue Mountain Alumni Supper for Blue Mountain College graduates will take place during the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

The time is Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 5:15 p.m. Place is Broadmoor Church, Jackson. Speaker will be Kara Blackard. Tickets will cost \$5 each.

MBREA LUNCH

The Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association has announced that its Fall Fellowship Luncheon will take place at Colonial Heights Church, Monday, Nov. 10, at 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., just prior to the Miss. Baptist Convention. Registration begins at 11 a.m. The cost is \$6.50 per person.

The featured speaker for this luncheon will be Gary Ellis, minister of education at Germantown Church in Tennessee. Special music will be provided by Cindy Malone, singles minister, at Woodville Heights Church, Jackson.

MC BREAKFAST

A breakfast for Mississippi College alumni will be served from 7:30 to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 11, in the Fellowship Room of First Church, Jackson.

N.O. LUNCHEON

Mississippi alumni of New Orleans Seminary will hold their annual meeting at noon Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Coliseum Ramada Inn (Crown Room) in Jackson.

Don Stewart, executive vice president of the seminary, will speak during the luncheon meeting. The gathering will be during the annual state convention. Cost is \$8 (\$9 at the door).

To make reservations or for more information, call state alumni president Rex Yancey at 601-776-3058 or 601-776-2184.

CHAPLAINS' BANQUET

The Chaplains' Banquet will be held Monday, Nov. 10, from 5 until 6:45 p.m. at the First Christian Church, Jackson.

SINGING CHURCHMEN

The Singing Churchmen will meet for a banquet Monday, Nov. 10, at 5 p.m. in the Sky Room of the Baptist Building, Jackson.

ANNUITANTS BREAKFAST

The Mississippi Baptist Annuity Fellowship has scheduled a breakfast for Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 7:30 a.m. in the Chapel Dining Room of First Baptist Church, Jackson. Don Burton will be the speaker.

DOM LUNCH

The Mississippi Conference of Directors of Missions will get together for lunch Monday noon, Nov. 10, at the Hinds-Madison Association office in Jackson.

MIDWESTERN SEMINARY LUNCHEON

A luncheon for alumni of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 11, in Room 405, at the Baptist Building.

MID-AMERICA DINNER

Mid-America Seminary dinner will take place Tuesday, Nov. 11, 5:30 p.m. at Colonial Heights Church.

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Holmes Junior College will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. November 14, 1986, for the sale of two used buses. The general specifications are as follows:

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Airport witness, civil rights under scrutiny

WASHINGTON (BP) — On a day when new Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist assumed his place in the center chair at the nation's highest court, he and his eight colleagues announced they will decide separate disputes involving the group Jews for Jesus and a Jewish synagogue in Silver Springs, Md.

Los Angeles Airport authorities appealed to the high court after a decision by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the group's right to use the airport terminals for evangelistic outreach on grounds the terminals are public forums in which speech is protected by the First Amendment. That free speech right is subject only to "reasonable time, place, and manner" restrictions, the court of appeals ruled.

Attorneys for the airports have asked the justices to consider the principal argument that their clients should be permitted to limit use of the terminals "to their dedicated and intended airport-related purposes." (86-104, Board of Airport Commissioners of City of Los Angeles v. Jews for Jesus Inc.)

In a separate action, the justices also announced they will decide if a Silver Spring, Md., Jewish synagogue may bring a civil suit against persons convicted of spray-painting anti-Jewish and pro-Nazi slogans on its building.



Swor



Taylor



Hospital to hear Swor

Religious Emphasis Week at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center will be Nov. 12-13. Services will be held at noon each day in the Subway Auditorium. Chester Swor will be the speaker and David Taylor, senior at Mississippi College, will lead music. Leslie Speagle, standing, medical technology student, and Debbie Spears, seated right, radiology student, will be serving as co-chairman. Kathy Bearden, at left, is Baptist Student Union director. The public is invited to each service.

October gifts less than in '85

October gifts through the SBC Cooperative Program in Mississippi totaled \$1,595,039, making total giving for the year at \$14,777,552, according to an announcement by Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Though October gifts total \$101,270 less than those of October in 1985, the 10 month budget picture shows an increase of \$427,346 more than that given in the same period last year.

A figuring of the pro rata amount needed to raise the entire \$18,550,000 for the 1986 budget shows that

Mississippi Baptists are \$680,781 behind in giving for the year.

Each year's budget is an estimate, approved by the Mississippi Baptist Convention, of what participating churches will be giving to fund the convention's various programs. These programs include funding three Baptist colleges, a child care agency, and leadership training for the churches.

The 1986 budget is a nine percent increase over the 1985 budget, yet gifts so far in 1986 are only up three percent.

Moderates respond to Peace Committee

By Marv Knox

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — A group of moderates in the Southern Baptist Convention have called upon the SBC Peace Committee to consider their concerns about the strife-torn denomination.

"We are putting our proposals and concerns on the table. There is nothing covert or indirect about them," said James Slatton, pastor of River Road Baptist Church here.

Saying he was "speaking for moderates," Slatton added: "We feel the Peace Committee has addressed itself to the concerns of the fundamentalists."

Moderates until now pretty much have been dealt out of the picture."

He contacted Baptist Press immediately following the latest meeting of the Peace Committee, which has been charged with determining causes of the SBC controversy and offering solutions.

During that meeting, the Peace Committee voted 19-0 to accept a statement of reconciliation and solution offered by presidents of the six SBC seminaries. Most notably, the president's "Glorieta Statement" affirms their belief that the "66 books of the Bible are not errant in any area of reality," and it pledges to enforce professors' compliance to the schools' confessional statements.

"The seminary presidents have responded to the concerns of the fundamentalists as conveyed to them by the Peace Committee and have responded as to what they would do," Slatton said. "This now will be the most revealing moment in our long and tragic controversy, for the ball is now in the court of the fundamentalists. Now we will see whether they intend to continue making a division among us or whether they will now act to respond to the concerns of moderates, who represent at least half or more of the house."

"We will see whether the intention of the other side is control through this action of the Peace Committee, or whether it is concern for the well-being of the whole body."

Joining Slatton in presenting the proposal were Winfred Moore, pastor of First Baptist Church of Amarillo, Texas, and moderate candidate for SBC president the past two years; and Norman Cavender, layman from Claxton, Ga., who, along with Slatton,

presented moderate-conservative concerns to the Peace Committee's subcommittee on denominational politics this summer. All three were interviewed by Baptist Press.

"Now that the presidents of the seminaries have made a united effort toward peace and reconciliation, there must be movement on all sides toward peace to match that which the presidents have done," said Moore, a member of the Peace Committee. "There has to be movement; it cannot be left where it is. We must move toward a common center point."

"The seminary presidents have bent over backwards in an attempt to find authentic peace, a way in which we can have inclusion of all our people and all our sincerely held views," Cavender added. "Now we're going to find out if the other side wants peace."

Slatton said moderates call upon SBC President Adrian Rogers and fundamentalists in the convention "to show us now in the following positive ways that they intend to use this moment of opportunity for peace instead of division."

— "First, we call upon the Peace Committee to replace Cecil Sherman (a moderate who resigned at the latest committee meeting) with a clearly, openly and completely identified moderate leader."

— "We call for the SBC Forum and Pastors' Conference to be united into one conference, the program to be planned and carried out by an equal number of moderate committee members and fundamental-conservative committee members, with the publicly avowed intention that no one who is a spokesman for either side to be on the program and that the issues which have been in dispute between us not be addressed."

The Forum and Pastors' Conference, both of which meet immediately prior to the SBC annual meeting each summer, have been seen by some observers as politicized meetings of the convention's two polar factions.

— "We call upon President Rogers, as an act of good faith no matter what actions he may already have taken, to appoint as the SBC Committee on Committees the sitting presidents of the eligible state conventions and the sitting presidents of the Woman's Mis-

sionary Unions of the eligible state conventions."

SBC bylaws are interpreted to have the Committee on Committees composed of a layperson and a church-related vocation person from each eligible state convention. Since the WMU presidents would comprise the laypeople on the committee and some state convention presidents are laymen, Slatton suggested the pastors who most recently served as presidents of those conventions represent them on the committee.

On this topic, Cavender noted: "When Adrian Rogers was elected president, he said his presidency would be characterized by fairness, love, and joy. We're going to find out if he meant what he said and if his appointments as president will be balanced with moderate representation in fairness, or whether he will do as recent presidents have done and continue stacking appointments with fundamentalists."

— "We call upon the fundamental-conservatives to stand down on political organizing and that each side refrain from sending an emissary around the country to organize politically and to promote a partisan agenda for the annual meeting."

— "We call upon the Southern Baptist Advocate to cease publishing attacks on Southern Baptist institutions and their employees." The Advocate is a newsjournal supported by the fundamental-conservatives within the convention.

— "We call for a joint committee of moderate-conservatives and fundamental-conservatives, selected by their respective sides and consisting of equal numbers from both sides, to meet to choose a candidate for convention president in San Antonio, Texas, in 1988 or sooner if Dr. Rogers chooses not to run again next year, with both sides being pledged to support the mutual candidate."

— "We call upon the Peace Committee to convene a true and actual peace conference between equal numbers of moderate-conservative and fundamental-conservative leaders to refine the details of this proposal. We propose that the presidents of the seminaries and the Peace Committee join in a joint release affirming this further step toward peace."

— "We call on the fundamentalist

leadership to respond to this now, not at some distant future time."

Describing the challenge as a proposal to get the Peace Committee next to consider moderate concerns, Slatton said: "The proposal goes even beyond the steps taken by the seminary presidents. It goes to the heart of the issues at stake before us."

Speaking of his hope for peace and willingness to be a reconciler, Moore, said, "If concrete movement is made in that direction (toward peace, as initiated by the seminary presidents), I would request permission to nominate for the presidency Dr. Rogers or somebody else, if there is movement toward peace."

"The burden now is on the Peace Committee," Cavender added. "They have in hand half the solution for peace. The other half will have to

come through the Peace Committee as they deal with the fundamentalists' stacking of boards and attempted fundamentalist domination of everybody."

Copies of the challenge are being sent to members of the Peace Committee, members of the SBC Executive Committee, the six seminary presidents and, fundamentalist leaders Paul Pressler of Houston and Paige Patterson of Dallas, Slatton said.

Moderate leaders are attempting "to make this as clearly as possible a formal moderate-side proposal" for denominational peace and reconciliation, Slatton said. "We intend to be back as a group in 10 to 14 days to make a public response concerning whether we have been heard. We are going to stick with this."

Marv Knox is BP feature editor.



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HMB action "grieves" women

By Marv Knox

ST. LOUIS (BP) — Leaders among Southern Baptist Convention female ministers have expressed alarm concerning a decision by the SBC Home Mission Board not to fund the ministries of women pastors.

The board voted Oct. 8 not to give future financial support to any woman who is pastor of a local church.

The steering committee of Southern Baptist Women in Ministry has followed with a statement of response "concerning personnel policies regarding ordained women."

"We are deeply grieved to learn of the decision of the board of directors of the Home Mission Board to reject

future requests for church pastoral aid from local Baptist congregations with women serving as pastors," the statement said.

Saying they were "deeply grieved" by the action, the statement called the Home Mission Board action "an obvious affront to Christian women and men who understand pastoral leadership as a gift given by the Holy Spirit not according to gender." It added the action "is an even greater affront to the autonomy of the local church and to the Good News of the gospel, which declares that there is neither male nor female in Christ."

"We further express concern about

the impact of this decision upon our denomination's evangelistic efforts because of what it communicates about division among Christians and because it eliminates women pastors as a potential personnel resource for certain bold mission endeavors," the statement continued.

The female ministers charged the board's action "hinders the goal of peace and unity" called for by the SBC Peace Committee, the group charged with offering solutions to theological/political strife within the denomination.

"While some may hope to
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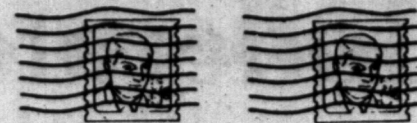
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Don't knock it

Editor:

I just read my Baptist paper and the letter to you on "Care in Calling Staff"; and it really grieved my heart, not that I don't know the importance of getting dedicated Christian leaders.

I am a member of Silver Creek Baptist Church and have been since I was 13 years old. I am 61 now, so you see I have been there awhile. I have had many heartaches and sicknesses. I lost my husband who was an active deacon almost four years ago; and then last Oct. 25, the Lord called my oldest son home. My church has been with us through every trial, even rejoiced when the Lord sent me another fine dedicated Christian husband, who loves the Lord with all his heart and wouldn't dare do anything to hurt anyone, and neither would I.

But about two months ago another terrible thing happened to me. My right eye is covered with a cataract and a hole came in the retina of my good

eye. This was sudden, and the light at the church seemed to penetrate right through, and I could hardly see.

That night our pastor, Rev. Charles Williams, brought the message on "The Word and how much of it do you believe and how much do you put in practice!" Do you live a victorious life in Jesus? Everything you'll ever need is here in this book."

I went forward and asked the pastor if I could say something. I said, we have heard what this Word says, again tonight and in James 5:14-15, it says, Is there any sick among you? Let him call the elders of the church anointing you with oil and the prayer of faith will save the sick and if they have committed any sins they shall be forgiven them. "Would you all agree with me?" Would you pray for me? Four of our deacons, our pastor and song director obeyed and Jesus honored his word. Praise his Holy name.

Dora (Dunaway) Wolbrecht
McComb

Pentecostal power

Editor:

I am writing in regard to the letters about church thievery and care in calling staff. I was raised in a Pentecostal church of which my grandmother was pastor. I heard her preach only twice in over 20 years. We usually had male preachers. The reason she was the pastor was to keep from having it closed. I hope I'm as good a Christian as she was.

What I'm getting at is, I was baptized in a Baptist church last year.

I don't see why these two people are upset because of pastors of these churches want to show their congregation what it feels like when the power of God starts working a church. It seems that the Baptist people don't want God in their churches.

I get the feeling that these people

think the church is more important than God or his powers. I don't know why a Baptist church doesn't have an altar! The changes starting now are for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. It isn't as far away as people think.

I feel sorry for the people who are worshipping their church rather than God. It makes no difference what church I belong to. I'm serving God and letting him run my life. I'm seeking him and I won't stop until I'm dead.

Maybe the Baptist churches could use a good dose of Pentecostal power, then they could find out what God's power could do and feel the love that's in it.

John D. Cannon Jr.
Iuka, MS

Cut through confusion

Editor:

I want to thank you for your September 11 editorial "What Price Evolution?" You really cut through a mass of confusion in the proposal that we "... teach what we know to be a fact and not suggest the possibilities of any kind of theory in the public school."

You reminded me that I wrote a letter to my pastor over 20 years ago; and in digging it out of a dusty file, I find that it is compatible with your position and is even now a good statement of my present views. In case you find any spare reading time, I'm

enclosing a copy of that letter with a photocopy of an article from the October 8, 1982, issue of Christianity Today which is close to our beliefs about the Creation — Evolution debate.

This letter is written to express approval of your editorial policy which should awaken Baptists to the fact that our Godlikeness includes reasoning power, the intellect. We must "present" that to him along with our bodies and all that we are and have, praying for his Holy Spirit to guide us into "all truth."

W. A. Huff
Forest

To praise God

Editor:

I would like to ask the leaders of our churches to be careful when spending great amounts of money on fine new churches, additions, and landscaping the grounds. These are all nice and good, but it doesn't save souls, and it doesn't feed God's sheep.

I am a member of a beautiful little country church that has recently been remodeled and the grounds are beautiful.

We have less people attending now than ever. A once-filled choir loft of teenagers is completely empty, and

you seldom even see any of them during a service.

There is much sickness and suffering in our little church, but few hands are reaching out from within.

I pray God will forgive me for any part I have had in putting more emphasis on playing religion and having a beautiful building and forgetting why the first little wood building was first built — to praise God and bring glory to him and to share with the lost and shelter and feed his sheep.

Name withheld by request

Given instructions

Editor:

I would like to respond to "Care in calling staff."

I agree that we should use care in calling staff members; but we should use the Word of God, not Baptist tradition, as our guide in this selection. It is a sad day when we condemn a man of God for following scriptural practices.

In I Tim. 3:1-7 we are given instructions for calling pastors and deacons. Then in Acts 6:3-5 they were told to find seven men full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom. . . . If the deacon mentioned had been filled with the Holy Ghost, he would not have been offended by the scriptural things taking place in his church.

Most people think that those things died with the first church. Then tell me how do you explain Hebrews 13:8: Jesus Christ the same yesterday today and forever. We need to make up our minds if we are going to follow Baptist tradition or God's word.

The following are scripture intended for our instruction and use: James

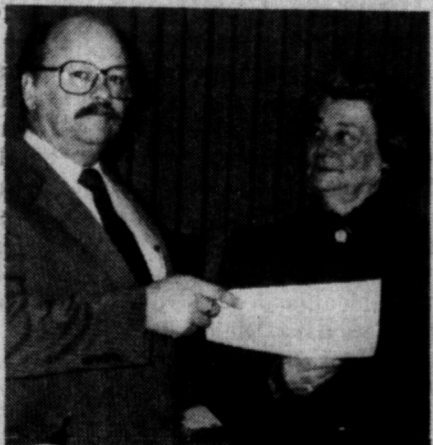
5:14, 15 concerning laying on of hands for the sick. Then Ephesians 5:18. We are commanded to be filled with the Holy Ghost. Now folks, we either believe the whole Bible or we don't. There is no middle ground.

Jesus laid hands on the sick, cast out demons, raised the dead, rebuked Satan, and so many other things; and he promised in John 14:12 that we would do all these and greater.

I was raised Southern Baptist; but I want to stress that I am first a born-again, spirit-filled Christian, then Baptist. I am a member of Pass Road Baptist Church in Gulfport. Our pastor, whom God called and chose for our church, is filled with the Holy Ghost and power; and when the Spirit leads him, he too has altar calls for healing and the infilling of the Holy Ghost. We sing and worship with uplifted hands to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We don't do it to please man.

Rebecca Allen
Gulfport

Prison Evangelism Outreach awards certificates to Gulfport volunteers



Sid Taylor, founder and director of Prison Evangelism Outreach, Inc., awards a certificate to Loyce Woodley, who has coordinated the prison ministry work at First Church, Gulfport.

Prison Evangelism Outreach recently awarded certificates of appreciation to its volunteers at FBC, Gulfport. At a luncheon at the church, approximately 30 prison ministry volunteers were cited for their participation in the ministry.

Although Prison Evangelism Outreach has many varied areas of ministry, one of its largest outreach efforts is in Bible correspondence. This is what the FBC volunteers do. They have led out in this ministry to prisoners and their families.

Their work includes the grading and mailing of the ministry's Bible correspondence courses, mailing Bibles & Testaments to inmates who request them, and supplying Christian pen-pals to inmates upon request. The church helps support this far-reaching ministry effort, along with the many volunteers.

At this time, the ministry is currently on target of reaching its goal of sending out 10,000 Bible correspondence lessons for 1986. This

outreach includes most all of the U.S. and four foreign countries.

Methodists vote to keep hymn

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (EP) — The Methodist Hymnal Revision Committee has voted to keep the hymn "Happy Is The Home When God Is There" in the 1989 hymnal, despite objections from some who say the song excludes broken homes.

Prayers for Sandy

Editor:

A few short months ago Sandy Sanderford was involved in a diving accident that broke his neck and resulted in paralysis.

After being on the critical list at the hospital, he is now in rehabilitation at the Methodist Rehabilitation Center in Jackson.

The staff and members of his home church, Pinelake Baptist, have quietly been meeting the needs of the Sanderford family in every way possible. We now ask our brothers and sisters in Christ for their prayers for Sandy. The financial strain on the family is tremendous.

Also, this coming Sunday afternoon, Nov. 9, from 3 to 6 p.m., we invite everyone to a Fall-Out-Fest at Pinelake at the Reservoir. All proceeds will go directly to the Sandy Sanderford fund. We will have game booths and food of all kinds. Please join us for this worthy cause.

Suzanne Kilgore
Brandon

His hand on me

Editor:

I have a friend that gave me this address to receive the Baptist Record.

It had been years since I had one to read. It's wonderful to see and hear how God is using people in his work.

I am a member of First Baptist Church at Horn Lake, MS and have been for 45 years. My husband has gone to be with the Lord. I have been a widow for 11 years. I have had both legs broken — surgery three times on them. I now am recovering from a wrist I broke in July. God still has his hand on me.

I live alone and do not fear, for God is always here with me. I have just been a born again Christian since I have gone through so much sorrow.

May God continue to bless and help in your ministry through the paper.

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11:10 President's Address Frank Gunn
Benediction
Choral Praise First Baptist Church Choir, Biloxi

Tuesday afternoon

1:45 Prelude
2:00 Call to Worship First Baptist Church Choir, Natchez
Ken Miller, Director
Congregational Praise — Ken Miller
Scripture — Paul Oglesbee, Jr. (Ephesians 4:17-24)
Prayer — Ray Hodges
2:05 Bible Treasure Charles Carter
2:30 Congregational Praise Ken Miller
2:35 Election of Convention Officers
First Vice-President
Second Vice-President
Recording Secretary
Associate Recording Secretary
2:55 Special Music First Baptist Church Choir, Natchez
3:00 Report of the Mississippi Mission Harry Vickery
3:10 Report of Baptist Children's Village Paul Nunnery
3:15 Report of Blue Mountain College E. Harold Fisher
3:20 Report of Mississippi College Lewis Nobles
3:25 Report of William Carey College J. Ralph Noonkester
3:30 Congregational Praise Ken Miller
3:35 Convention in Worship
Special Music First Baptist Church Choir, Natchez
Convention Sermon Odean Puckett
Benediction
Choral Praise First Baptist Church Choir, Natchez

Tuesday evening

6:45 Prelude
7:00 Call to Worship Parkway Baptist Church Choir, Jackson
Lew King, Director
Congregational Praise — Lew King
Scripture — Russ Lievers (Psalm 51:1-9)
Prayer — Gary Digby
7:05 Bible Treasure Charles Carter
7:30 Congregational Praise Lew King
7:35 Special Music Parkway Baptist Church Choir, Jackson
7:40 Sermon Lloyd Elder
8:10 Congregational Praise Lew King

8:15 Special Music Parkway Baptist Church Choir, Jackson
8:20 Sermon Lewis Myers
Benediction
Choral Praise Parkway Baptist Church Choir, Jackson

Nov. 12, 1986

Wednesday morning

8:45 Prelude
9:00 Call to Worship Leake County Associational Youth Choir
Hugh Plunkett, Director
Congregational Praise — Hugh Plunkett
Scripture — Wright Eavenson (Ephesians 2:13-18)
Prayer — Bruce Jolly
9:05 Bible Treasure Charles Carter
9:30 Miscellaneous Business
Report of Resolutions Committee — Roy McHenry
10:15 Congregational Praise Hugh Plunkett
10:20 Special Music Leake County Associational Youth Choir
10:25 Memorial Service Clifton Perkins
10:35 Congregational Praise Hugh Plunkett
10:40 Special Music Leake County Associational Youth Choir
10:50 Sermon Dan Vestal
Benediction
Choral Praise Leake County Associational Youth Choir

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Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference

Monday a.m., Nov. 10

10:00-10:05 Prayer (Ed Wright)
10:05-10:20 Music, Etc. (Bill Bacon — Leader; Senior Adult Choir, FBC, Clinton — solo, David Oliver)
10:20-10:50 Message (Victor Bonner, New Hope Baptist Church, Lowndes Assoc.)
10:50-11:00 Music, Etc. (Senior Adult Choir, FBC, Clinton — solo, Graham Smith)
11:00-11:10 Offering
11:10-11:40 Message (Tommy Vinson, Colonial Hills Baptist Church, Southaven)

Monday p.m., Nov. 10

1:15- 1:20 Prayer (Frank Gunn)
1:20- 1:30 Music, Etc. (R. L. Sigrest — Leader; Potter's Clay, Ensemble from

FBC, Columbia; Special Music — R. L. and Beth Sigrest)
1:30- 2:00 Message (Bill Henderson, New Bethel Baptist Church, Carroll Assoc.)
2:00- 2:10 Election of Officers
2:10- 2:40 Message (Jon Doler, First Baptist Church, Raleigh)
2:40- 3:00 Music, Etc. (solo — Tanner Riley; Mini-concert — R. L. & Beth Sigrest)
3:00- 3:20 Greeting and Message (Dr. Earl Kelly, Executive Secretary/Treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention)
3:20- 3:30 Music, Etc. (R. L. and Beth Sigrest)
3:30-4:00 Message (Bill Causey, Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson)
4:00- 4:15 Music and Offering (Gary Anglin)
4:15- 4:45 Message (Darrell Robinson, Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, AL)
4:45 Benediction (Gordon S. Sansing)

St. Louis housing is booked on first day

By Marv Knox

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Southern Baptists only needed one day to fill their convention's allotment of downtown hotel rooms for the 1987 Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis June 16-18.

The St. Louis Housing Bureau received about 4,500 requests postmarked Oct. 1 from Southern Baptists seeking accommodations in the 4,000-room downtown block, announced Tim A. Hedquist, convention manager and vice president for business and finance of the SBC Executive Committee.

Oct. 1 was the earliest postmark allowed on 1987 convention housing re-

quests, Hedquist said. The requests were opened and assigned Oct. 15 by employees of the city's housing bureau, unaffiliated with any SBC agency or group.

The first-day demand for rooms was a record, Hedquist reported. "In previous years, we've been getting about 4,000 room requests postmarked Oct. 1, about 800 or 900 postmarked Oct. 2 and several hundred that were mailed later. This year, about 4,500 were postmarked Oct. 1, and 50 were postmarked Oct. 2. Hardly any were sent later."

Consequently, the 4,000 pre-arranged rooms — normally enough to accommodate all the Oct. 1 mailers

— fell short this time. The block will be expanded to about 4,500 for San Antonio, Texas, and the 1988 annual meeting, he said.

Lucky winners in the St. Louis Housing Derby will receive confirmation on their downtown rooms after Dec. 1. First they will receive acknowledgement from the housing bureau, and then they will hear from the hotels. Room deposits will be made directly to the hotels.

But all is not lost for other Southern Baptists who want to attend the convention. About 9,000 additional rooms are available in St. Louis, although they are not as close to the downtown

Cervantes Convention Center as rooms in the convention block.

The 500 requests postmarked Oct. 1 that were not assigned rooms in the block and the others postmarked from Oct. 2 to Oct. 6 are being turned over to travel agents, Hedquist said. The travel agents will secure accommodations for these requests and then contact the requestors directly.

The early requestors are less fortunate, he noted. People who mailed their requests prior to Oct. 1 will receive their original requests forms, along with their ill-fated pre-Oct. 1 postmarks. They each also will receive a list of available St. Louis

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FMB appoints 5 from state

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Emory University.

Born in Columbus, Miss., Mrs. Johnson, the former Robin Parks, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doss Parks of that city. She is a graduate of Samford and has taught school in Atlanta and was a secretary in Fargo, N.D., and at Concordia.

The Johnsons have two children: Jennifer Christine, born in 1974; and Wesley Allan, 1979.

John and Claudia Brown were appointed to Mozambique where he will be starting and developing churches and they will be involved in outreach ministries.

He has been attending New Orleans Seminary to fulfill requirements for missionary appointment. He is a graduate of Arkansas State University and earned a master of divinity degree from Mid-America Seminary.

Mrs. Brown, the former Claudia Tenney, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Tenney of Jackson, Miss. She is a graduate of Belmont College and earned a master of religious education degree from Mid-America Seminary. She has been a teacher in Bogie Chitto, Miss., and a secretary in Memphis. She was an FMB Journeyman in Brazil.

The Browns have one child, Heather Michelle, born in 1985. These new missionaries will go to Rockville, Va., in January for an eight-week orientation before leaving for the field.

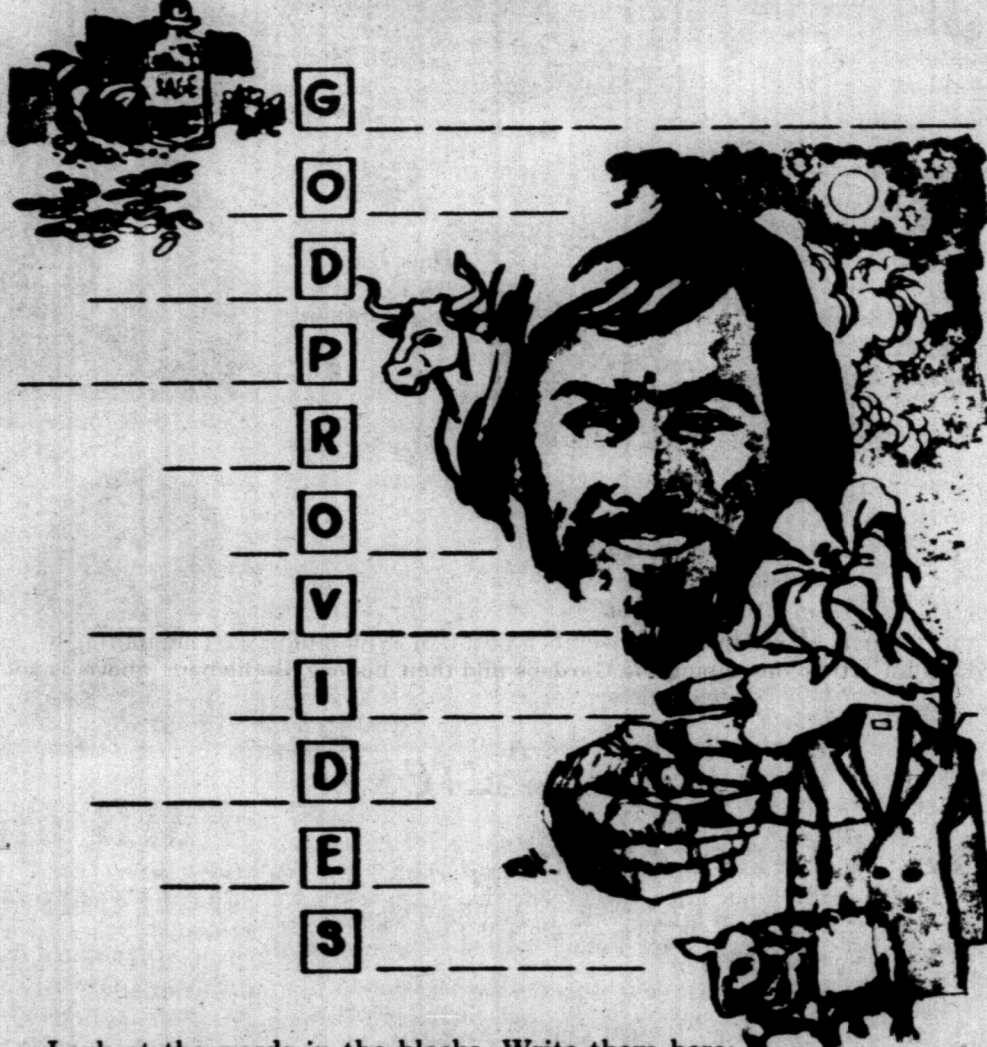
CHILDREN'S PAGE

God provides for his people

By Anne McWilliams

God provides for the people who live in his world. In the verses listed below, you will find eleven things God has given to or provided for his creatures. Find the word or words in each verse that fits the matching line in the puzzle.

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| 1. Genesis 1:30 | 5. Psalm 8:8 | 9. Psalm 8:6 |
| 2. Genesis 3:21 | 6. Psalm 8:3 | 10. Psalm 8:7 |
| 3. Genesis 1:29 | 7. Hebrews 2:10 | 11. Psalm 8:3 |
| 4. Psalm 8:7 | 8. Matthew 6:28 | |

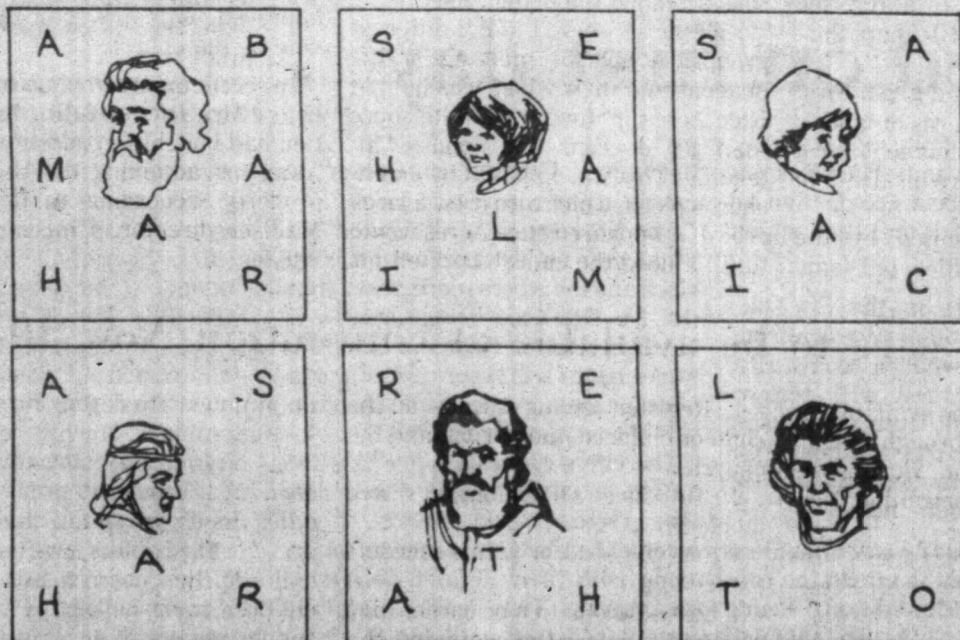


Look at the words in the blocks. Write them here:
List at least three things God has provided for you: _____

Answers: Green herbs, coats, sheep, seed, wash, air, moon, salvation, lilies, hands, open, stars. (God provides.)

Who are they?

Unscramble the names of some members of Abraham's family.

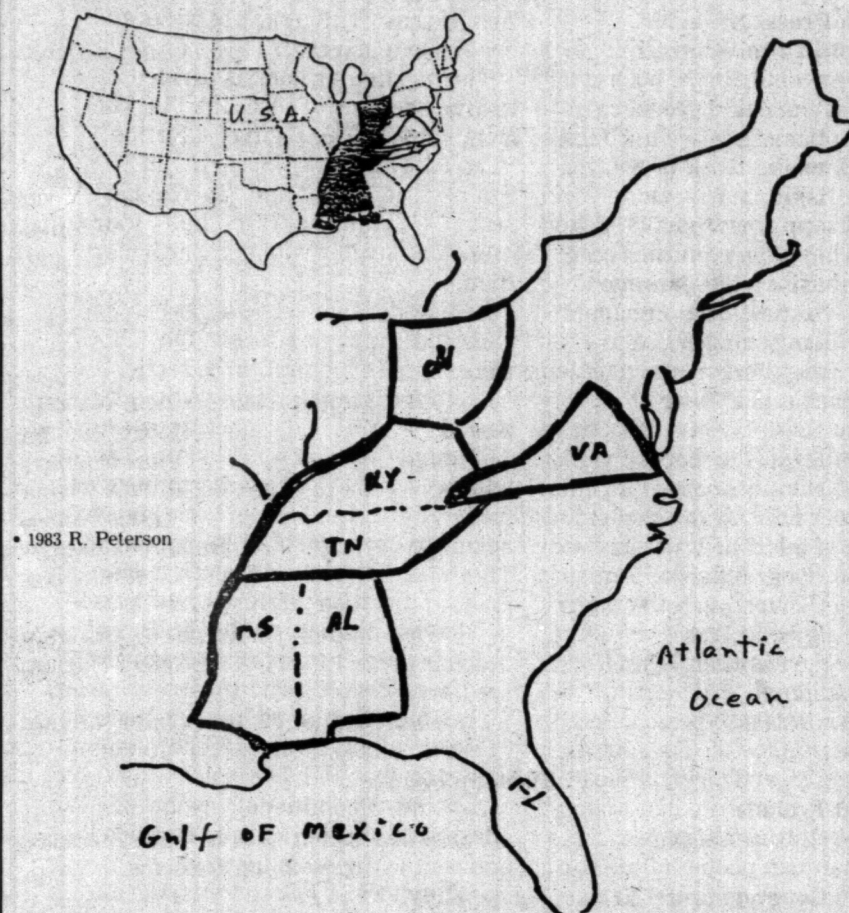


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GEOGRAFUN: (For Young Readers)

Nations and Imaginations

By Ralph C. Peterson



Can you imagine a Quaker housewife in this group of central states? (She is holding a tray of food). Color the picture.

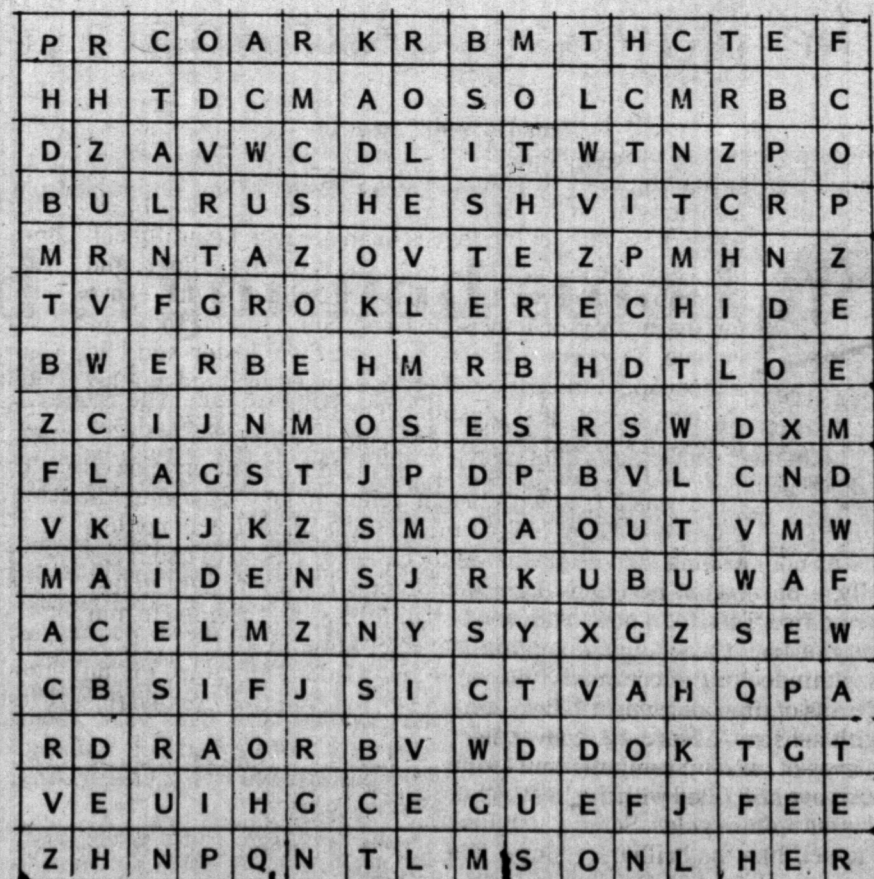
Ralph Peterson, creator of Geografun, may be addressed at 1200 S. Washington St., 627 E, Alexandria, VA 22314.

What do you know about Moses?

By Evelyn Keyes

Exodus 2:1-10

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| bulrushes | sister | ark |
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Book Reviews

THUNDER IN THE VALLEY, by Doug and Evelyn Knapp with Robert O'Brien; foreword by Owen Cooper; 240 pages; soft cover; full color cover; 16 pages of pictures inside; \$6.95. Broadman Press, Nashville.

Who could imagine that one ministry, especially in the bush country of Tanzania, could produce nearly 34,000 baptisms in 8½ years? That's what happened in work of Southern Baptist missionaries Doug and Evelyn Knapp between 1978 and mid-1986. They left a promising career in the agri-business 22 years ago to go to Africa to feed the hungry as agricultural missionaries. But they stayed to reap a phenomenal spiritual harvest which revolutionized life and planted over 200 churches in a faraway valley at the foot of the Livingstone Mountains, named for missions pioneer Dr. David Livingstone.

Thunder in the Valley, a new Broadman Press book, tells the amazing story of the Knapps and the factors behind their growth, and it vividly recounts how the gospel of Jesus Christ is sweeping across East Africa.

It proves how two laypersons, led by God and committed to stay through all the trials and tribulations of African bush missions, can make a difference in the lives of people. It proves God can use people of all ages, backgrounds, and professions in career missions to accomplish His plan for the world. And it proves the tremendous potential of Southern Baptist volunteers from the United States, who helped win nearly 27,000 people to Jesus Christ in a series of six crusades organized by the Knapps over the past decade.

Thunder in the Valley is a modern-day missions adventure which will excite readers of all ages and inspire them to renewed commitment to evangelism and missions support. — Owen Cooper, Yazoo City.

A NEW LOOK AT THE BOOK Harbour, Brian L., Broadman (Nashville), pp. 218.

Dr. Brian Harbour is pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark. He has written several books and speaks extensively.

This particular book is divided into five sections. These are "In The Beginning," "The Birth of a Nation," "The Rise and Fall of Israel," "In The Fullness of Time," and "In The Last Days." Each section has four messages dealing with that particular theme.

I enjoyed all of the messages but the ones that appealed to me the most were those in the first three sections. Each of these sections dealt with passages from the Old Testament. The final two sections dealt with passages from the New Testament.

The title of the book gives a pretty accurate description of its contents. The book certainly presents *A New Look at the Book!* This would be a good idea for a sermon series. In addition to the new look presented, there are many excellent illustrations, jokes, etc. contained in the book. There are many sermon "seed" ideas as well.

I would recommend anyone purchasing this book. It should be a good addition to anyone's library.

— Reviewed by Greg Potts, Pastor, Bluff Springs Baptist Church, Magnolia, Miss.

In 1980, foreign missionaries could not enter 25 countries. These countries had either communist or Muslim governments. Another 24 were somewhat closed. Then there were still another 13 that placed limitations on missionary activity. The 67 nations were located in Southeast Asia, Europe, Africa and the Caribbean.

Devotional

The leaves of Autumn

By Robert M. Hanvey

"The autumn leaves of brown and gold" are words from a semi-classical song. They bear the sentiment of this time of the year.

While enroute to a conference on the Gulf Coast a few years ago, I was blessed by the beauty of the leaves in an array of beautiful colors. I saw the golds, the browns, the reds, the yellows, and the drab dead leaves. The golds were brilliant as they spoke for the beauty of leaves just beginning to end their existence. The brown leaves had lost their luster and had almost spent their life. The reds seemed to stand against the evergreens, just blushing. The dead leaves gave way to loss of life and the ensuing cold weather.

Off in the distance and in the middle of a newly plowed field, was a tree with bright yellow foliage. It seemed to speak out, "Hey, look at me!" It was alive. It had not lost color. It was not blushing, and it unashamedly called attention to itself. Occasionally, a burned out portion of land would appear, with its ugly marks of ruin from fire. This, too, spoke of an end of fruitfulness and seemed to mar the beauty of the surrounding, changing leaves of autumn.

I was reminded of the preacher who wrote the wisdom literature giving us the details of time and seasons. I was reminded, too, that God created this earth with seasons, according to Genesis.

The leaves of autumn reminded me of life . . . here for a time, then spent. Many of us are still filled with the luster of the green — strong life. Some have found the autumn — golds. Some blush like the reds when unable to call attention to self like the brilliant yellows. The leaves of autumn spoke to me of God's principle of life. Do they tell you anything?

Robert M. Hanvey is pastor, First, Hazlehurst.

Faces And Places

by anne washburn mcwilliams

The Palestinian Gardens

"Geographical theology" is what one woman called the Palestinian Gardens, 12 miles north of Lucedale, 6.5 miles east of U.S. Highway 98. The Gardens are an authentic scale model of the Holy Land at the time of Christ, one yard per mile, of what was once called Palestine, but is now called Israel. W. Harvell Jackson, a Presbyterian minister, found here a place that resembles the topography of the Holy Land, in miniature, from Mt. Hermon to the Dead Sea. The

Gardens are open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. March through November. Cost is \$1.50 for adults, 50¢ for children. In early March, this column will present an article describing the Gardens and their history. Bethlehem, above, is set on a hill.



Rice Acres

Mrs. R. A. Rice, age 86, member of First Baptist Church, Jackson, died Oct. 2. It was this Mrs. Rice who with her late husband, a deacon, donated the land to First Baptist Church which eventually became Rice Acres, now owned by Hinds-Madison Association.

Funeral services were held Oct. 4 at Wright and Ferguson Funeral Home in Jackson. Among the survivors are one 91-year-old sister, Belle Teeter, of Jackson; and three step-granddaughters. Mrs. Rice's nephew, Ted Payment of Jackson, had helped to care for her during the past few years.

The former Goldia Booth, she was born in Iowa, but moved to Jackson in her early days. At First Church, she was a member of the Gleaners Sunday School Class.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice had given First Church, Jackson, 15 acres of land in south Jackson for development into a recreational area before his death in 1957.

The gift was accepted by the church. The deacons allocated some

funds for support of the development; the property was fenced, a gatehouse was constructed, and a dam was built for a lake.

According to a history of the church, written by R. A. and Nannie Pitts McLemore, a dedicatory service for Rice Acres was held on May 21, 1961. The program included a presentation of the property and facilities to the church by R. M. Hederman, Jr., chairman of deacons. Graham L. Hales, chairman of the Rice Acres committee, recognized the Rices. Frank Hutton, chairman of the grounds committee, read rules and regulations to govern the operation. About 150 persons attended the dedication.

Rice Acres served many different groups. A special meeting of the deacons and their wives was held at Rice Acres in June, 1961, with more than 200 deacons and spouses attending. This was followed by an all-church picnic which also drew a large crowd. It appeared Rice Acres would fulfill a need the church had felt for

some time. Horace Kerr reported for 1962: 130 reservations with over 1,600 using the facilities.

However, upkeep became something of a problem. The church appointed a committee to study the situation. This committee recommended that the property be deeded to the association, for more maximum use. In 1969, this was done.

The church placed certain restrictions on the gift: that the name remain the same; that no mortgage be placed on the property; that the property be properly maintained; and that the use of the property be limited to churches in the association. This was approved with only one dissenting vote by the church.

In recent months, only a short time before Mrs. Rice's death, the association had bought ten additional acres from her, adjoining the Rice Acres property, according to the Hinds-Madison director of missions, J. W. Brister.

Preschool care to be available at convention Nov. 10-12

Preschool care will be available for children, ages birth through five, at First Church, Jackson, during the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Nov. 10-12.

The preschool departments are located on the street level off President Street.

The following are procedures to be followed:

1. Register, giving names of the child or children, the parent, and the church.
2. Be sure all belongings are labeled.
3. For infants, leave a time schedule for feeding.
4. Leave the children no earlier than 20 minutes before the beginning of a session and pick them up no later than

15 minutes after the close of the sessions.

5. Children may stay through the noon meal if parents provide food — baby food or snack lunch. The preschool teachers will serve the children the noon meal only. All children must be picked up for the supper meal.



Check goes for site development

Gary Rayburn, pastor, left, North Long Beach Baptist Church, Long Beach, receives a check for \$6,700.00 from Mississippi Baptist Convention Board member Jerry Estes. The check was for site development for the first unit of a planned building at North Long Beach.

St. Louis housing is booked on first day

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hotels and telephone numbers.

That information also is available to Southern Baptists who wish to attend the annual meeting but who have not yet made housing accommodations, Hedquist noted. Interested persons can contact the SBC Executive Committee, 901 Commerce, Suite 750, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

But Hedquist suggested two other options for arranging for rooms during the convention:

One, contact a travel agent. Travel agents work on commission and at no cost to the consumer. A travel agent can help track down available rooms and save consumers time, effort and telephone bills.

Or, call the toll-free reservation numbers for hotel chains with facilities in St. Louis. This is a direct, inexpensive and relatively easy way to guarantee a room.

Accommodations also are available for Southern Baptists who plan to

bring their housing with them, Hedquist said. St. Louis has a downtown recreational vehicle park. Reservations should be made directly with St. Louis RV Park, P.O. Box 663, St. Louis, Mo. 63106; phone (314) 241-3330.

Other recreational vehicle parks are available, but not near downtown, he said.

Limited accommodations also are available to Southern Baptists who cannot afford hotel rooms, he added. The St. Louis local arrangements committee plans to provide some free housing in homes of Southern Baptists in the community. Information about this housing is available from the Executive Committee.

Does the record rate of early requests for hotel rooms provide an indication of the size of next year's annual meeting? "Absolutely not," Hedquist said. "To this point, there has been no correlation between room reservations this early and attendance at the convention."

Marv Knox is BP feature editor.

HMB action "grieves" women

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discourage women from pastoral leadership by this (the board's) action, women will continue to answer God's call," the statement said. "And God will continue to choose whomever God wills — regardless of the vote of a board of fallible human beings."

The Women in Ministry's action was historic, said Susan Lockwood Wright, pastor of Cornell Baptist Church in Chicago and co-chair of the steering committee's resolutions committee.

"This group has never done this before; we have never issued an of-

ficial statement," Wright said, explaining the committee developed "a pure consensus that this is what we should do."

"We don't have an official voice in the convention. Right now, there is no way to speak through an official channel, and there is no one to speak for us," she said. "We have no voice. We are not represented in any group in the convention. We're not fundamentalists, and we're really not part of the moderate group. We're not on any boards, and we're the last people who would be put on them."

Marv Knox is BP feature editor.

Two of the world's most populous countries, China and India, have less than 9 percent professing Christians, but their combined total of populations amounts to over one-third of the world's population.

Since the first Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in 1888, more than three-quarters of a billion dollars has been contributed by Southern Baptists for world evangelization.

Rogers says foreign missions is "bottom line" for Baptists

By Craig Bird

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — "Foreign missions is the bottom line of everything else that exists in the Southern Baptist Convention," SBC President Adrian Rogers told Foreign Mission Board trustees Oct. 15.

Describing himself as "thrilled and excited" by what he had seen during a Monday to Wednesday visit to the board, Rogers challenged the trustees and the staff to remain faithful to their God-given command to tell the world that Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation.

"I don't know how he found the time in his schedule to spend three days with us, but we are grateful he did," said Robert Smith, chairman of the board's trustees. Rogers, elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention last June, is pastor of the 17,000-member Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn.

In addition to delivering the closing address at the board meeting, Rogers attended a Monday night service recognizing 67 retiring missionaries, a Tuesday night appointment service for 37 new missionaries, sat in on committee meetings, and held a press conference while he was in Richmond.

"What I have seen is so exciting it is almost electrifying what God is doing," he told reporters. He urged local churches to become aware of the needs and complimented the board "for giving people concrete opportunities to get involved (through short-term, volunteer projects)."

"When you tell people we need a school teacher here, an evangelist there, and a bricklayer over here — then someone can say 'yes, I can do that.'"

Most of the questions during the press conference, however, dealt with the strife in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Rogers said he was "moderately optimistic" about the prospects for peace. "I feel a willingness to talk

about issues, we are hearing less of controversy and when fires do flare up, they seem to go out more quickly."

Repeating his belief that "90 to 95 percent of us (Southern Baptists) are brothers under the skin" and share common beliefs about the Bible, Rogers disavowed any attempt to "force anyone into a straitjacket" and promised to fight for anyone's right to believe whatever he wants, "even if it's that you have to believe the moon is made of green cheese or you have to be baptized upside down in oil" to be saved.

However, he stressed, people who work in Southern Baptist agencies "ought to believe what the majority of the people who pay their salary believe."

Among beliefs he said he feels are not acceptable to "the vast preponderance" of Southern Baptists are refusal to accept Adam and Eve as real people who were the ancestors of all mankind; to say that some of the miracles of Jesus did not really happen but are simply parables; to disavow that Peter wrote the New Testament books of First Peter and Second Peter or to say that David did not write the Psalms; and that the devil is not a real person.

"Obviously the Bible is literature and it contains poetry and symbolism," he said. "I don't know of anyone who is contending for wooden literalism of the Scriptures — but just because the Bible speaks of something symbolically, that doesn't mean it isn't literal."

The description of Satan as a "great red dragon with multiple heads" is symbolic, Rogers explained. "That doesn't mean he is literally a dragon — but it does mean he is a literal, personal devil, not just some spirit of evil."

"I think 99.44 percent of Southern Baptists believe there is a personal devil — most of us have done business with him."

Rogers said he hasn't thought much about how far down the organizational charts of SBC agencies such uniformity of theological positions should go, but noted it definitely should include "the opinion makers, the leaders, primarily those who teach our students."

He said once a "safety net" was in position as to the place and reliability of the Scriptures, "then we can be free to talk" about areas where there can be legitimate diversity such as "Calvinism, hyper-Calvinism, Arminianism, pre-millennialism, and post-millennialism."

A primary goal of his presidency is to depoliticize the annual SBC meeting, "so we can gather to do business instead of to do battle." He has not reached a decision about whether he will run for re-election when the convention meets next June in St. Louis.

"I know if I do run, some people will see that as divisive but I also know that if it is perceived that I was intimidated into not running, some would think that was divisive too," he said.

Craig Bird writes for the Foreign Mission Board.

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Woodland Hills will present musical

The Young Adult Choir and orchestra of Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, will present the musical, *Reconciliation*, in the evening worship service on Nov. 9, at 7 p.m.

Written in the style of a Broadway musical, the production traces the story of God's continuing attempts to show mankind his love as indicated in the parables told by Jesus Christ, and

through Christ's own sacrifice.

Lead acting and solo roles will be performed by Brian Price, Kathy Maze, Phil McSparin, and Dana Denson. Lee Meadows is the dramatic director of the production and the musical director is James Glass.

Admission to the service is free and a nursery will be provided for preschool age children.

E. L. Clark, pastor, dies at 87

E. L. Clark, 87, died Oct. 29, at Rush-Newton Hospital. Services were held at 10 a.m., Oct. 31, at Newton, First Church.

Clark was a native of Newton County. At the time of his death, he was pastor of Good Hope Baptist Church in that county. He has served as minister at Poplar Springs Baptist Church and Midway Baptist Church. He also served as mayor of Newton for two terms and part of an unexpired term.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Christine Clark; sons, Leonard W.

Clark of Mobile, Ala., and Walter Clark of Enterprise; one sister; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A goal of having 2,000 churches and 1 million members by the turn of the century has caught fire with Baptists in Mexico. Mexico City is expected to be the largest city in the world by then with a population of more than 27 million.



Intensive care

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Dependent adult children

"He was off of drinking for 5 months... then suddenly he was on it again for almost a month continually. Now he is off a few days a week and back on it. We are growing old and not really able to see after him... Please, if there is any help for this, we would so much appreciate it."

Tragic is the situation when elderly parents must see after their alcoholic children. At the time in life when the stress of living should be less because of reduced responsibilities, older people sometimes find themselves trying to bear unusually heavy burdens. Relief is not in sight, and nothing has worked to end the misery.

There is no guarantee that this loved one will quit. A characteristic of alcoholism is that a person has lost control. He cannot "plan" the outcome of chemical usage and is often powerless to do so. To remain dry for five months after drinking a long time may suggest false hope that a person somehow has overcome the drinking habit. Job problems are almost inevitable, and marriages are often ruined.

You raise the question, "Is there any help for this?" In answer, I wish to share what I have heard from recovering alcoholics: "If you want what I have, you must do what I have done." This is not a boastful statement but rather a testimony springing from gratitude.

Recovering alcoholics are persons who are ready to go to any lengths for their sobriety. Recovery, therefore, is

first priority in their lives.

How does a person reach the point where sobriety is so pre-eminently important? Does a person have to "hit bottom" so to speak, in order for him to look up? Perhaps the bottom can be raised a bit, which is necessary for everyone's benefit.

With the help of caring friends, this person is made aware of the effects of drinking, and we call this involvement "intervention." Beyond that, there are various approaches to assist a person in getting needed help. Most effective is a recovery program that does not leave untouched any aspect of life — the spiritual, physical, emotional, and intellectual. This program takes seriously all these areas and furnishes both guidance and professional care. A person learns how it is possible to live another way and gains assistance in so doing.

I recommend heartily that this one dear to you be encouraged to take another chance to receive this help. Delay is so costly to everyone that I ask you not to give up. There is still hope. The Lord can do wonderful things in a person's life.

Questions addressed to Intensive Care are forwarded to Chaplain Joe Stovall at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center and are handled in consultation with Dr. Ed Burchak of the staff of the Chemical Dependency Center. Inquiries should be addressed to Intensive Care, Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

Mississippi Baptist activities

- Nov. 10 Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Meeting; Baptist Building; 10 a.m.
- Nov. 10-12 Mississippi Baptist Convention; FBC, Jackson
- Nov. 12 Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Meeting; Baptist Building; 2 p.m.
- Nov. 14-15 Acteens Mother/Daughter Weekend; Camp Garaywa; 4 p.m., 14th-1 p.m., 15th (WMU)

Readers' Digest and the politics of famine relief . . .

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massively misappropriate or allow the Ethiopia government to "hijack" hunger aid is at best doubtful. Most hunger experts agree that aid channeled through private relief agencies is handled more efficiently than aid from government to government and is certainly freer from political entanglements.

The director of the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board's human needs ministry, which runs five feeding centers in the mountains of Ethiopia, maintains that Brauman's article "does not represent what Southern Baptists are doing." Also refuting Brauman's charge is a staff report from the minority counsel

to the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Immigration and Refugee Policy, which says that "in the end, the American people should know that their assistance got through to people in need. Our aid made a difference — a difference between life and death for millions." Even AID Administrator Peter McPherson has testified on several occasions that U.S. aid has kept millions of people alive who otherwise would have died. Brauman and the editors stand alone on the charge of "massive misappropriation."

Robert Parham is director of hunger concerns for the SBC Christian Life Commission.

Fest to benefit paralyzed youth

Proceeds from a festival at Pinelake Church, Brandon, will be placed in a fund as a benefit for Paul Sanderford Jr., a Pinelake member who was paralyzed following a diving accident in July at Bogue Chitto.

Sanderford, who is in Methodist Rehabilitation Center in Jackson now, observed his 21st birthday last week.

His father Paul Sanderford Sr., is a deacon at Pinelake Church.

The festival, to be called a Fall-Out-Fest, will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Nov. 9 on the church parking lot. There will be food for sale and game booths.

Pinelake Church is located at Ross Barnett Reservoir.

Winners to present quartet sing

Flora Church will host a quartet sing on Sunday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. Quartets from Alta Woods Church, First Church of Canton, and Flora Church will present special music.

All three of these quartets won in their respective categories in the state quartet finals which were held in Clinton earlier this year. The entire evening service will be devoted to music.

Felton Barnes, pastor, dies

Felton Barnes, 70, died Oct. 27, at Kings Daughter's Hospital. Services were held Oct. 29 at Brookhaven Funeral Home.

He was pastor of churches in Chaunchula, Grand Bay, Notasulga and River View, all in Alabama. In Mississippi, he served churches in Pricedale, Wesson, Columbia, and McComb.

He taught for 25 years at Franklin High School in Franklin, La. He returned to Brookhaven three years ago and joined First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Willie Mae Boyd Barnes; daughters, Mrs. Margaret Morrison and Mrs. Judy Hutchinson, both of Houston, Tex.; four brothers; three sisters; and two granddaughters.

MC will present psychiatrist in day-long seminar

The Division of Continuing Education and the School of Education at Mississippi College in Clinton will present William D. Glasser, M.D., internationally known psychiatrist-educator and author of "Reality Therapy and Control Theory," in a day-long seminar to be held at the Coliseum Ramada Inn in Jackson, Nov. 18. The seminar is for personnel in all helping and healing agencies.

Mississippi College is approved by the National Board for Certified Counselors to offer continuing education for National Certified Counselors.

Registrations are being accepted on a space-available basis only. For information, call 925-3301.

Greener pastures often have higher fences around them. — Banner, Bennington, Vt.

Additional churches adopt expanded annuity plan

The following associations have adopted the Expanded Annuity Plan since May 22, 1986: Clay, Lowndes, Oktibbeha, Winston.

The following churches have adopted the Expanded Annuity Plan of 1988 since those reported in the September 11 issue of the Baptist Record.

ALCORN: Hinkle; ATTALA: Springdale; CALHOUN: Mt. Moriah and Pittsboro; CLARKE: DeSoto; CLAY: Siloam; COPIAH: County Line and New Providence; COVINGTON: Cold Springs and Willow Grove; GULF COAST: Calvary; JACKSON: Ingalls Avenue; JEFF DAVIS: Oak Grove and Victory;

JONES: Grace, Oakland and Unity; LAMAR: Hickory Grove; LAUDERDALE: Hebron; LAWRENCE: Shiloh; LEBANON: Macedonia; LINCOLN: Macedonia, New Sight and Pleasant Hill; MARSHALL: Slayden; MISSISSIPPI: East Fork; NEWTON: Hickory; NORTHWEST: Carriage Hills; PANOLA: Locke Station; PEARL RIVER: Union; PIKE: Locust Street; PONTOTOC: Furrs and Woodland; PRENTISS: Gaston, Pleasant Grove and Wheeler; SCOTT: East Morton and Hillsboro; TALLAHATCHIE: FBC, Tutwiler; TIPPAH: Shady Grove; TISHOMINGO: Calvary; and UNION COUNTY: Harmony, Liberty and New Oak Grove.

Largest prison witness project is planned for early December

The largest prison lay witness project in America will take place the first weekend in December, with Mississippi participation on Dec. 4-6.

Mississippi Baptists are participating with an interdenominational steering committee to visit 17 prison facilities for direct witnessing work.

Volunteers are being recruited from all evangelical denominations in the state with a total of 560 workers — 240 of whom will go to Parchman.

Other prisons to be visited include Rankin County Correctional Facility, Forrest, Pike, Simpson, Madison, and Jackson Counties CWCs, Kuhn Memorial Hospital and Gulfport CWCs, and restitution centers in Hinds County, Hattiesburg, and Pascagoula. These all have facility coordinators already in place. Other facilities participating include Alcorn, Yazoo, Calhoun, and George Counties, and the Greenwood Restitution Center.

The Foreign Mission Board named a record 429 persons to begin missionary service in 1985. Southern Baptists field the largest Protestant foreign missionary force in the world.

Life expectancy in much of Africa, South and Central America, Asia and the Middle East falls between 30 and 40 years old. More than half the babies in Africa die before they turn 5.

Puzzle answers

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Just for the Record



Fellowship Church, (Lauderdale): began the new church year with the dedication of a new educational building, providing almost 5,000 sq. ft in additional classroom space. The building was completed debt-free.

Pictured (excluding boy) from left, are Fred Snowden of O. L. Snowden & Sons Construction; Leon Young, director of missions, Lauderdale County; Tommy Godwin, chairman of building committee; Jeffrey R. Parker, pastor; Billy Cook, building committee; Jack Scarbrough, building committee; and Jimmy Rutledge, chairman of deacons (hidden).



Sunshine Church, Pearl, held its missions recognition service on Oct. 12. Pictured, Acteens, top, are queen with sepher Shelly Williams, and Heather McCardle; queens are Leigh Hill, Paige Carpenter, and Holly McCardle. Carolyn Hill works with Acteens.

GAs, middle, are Becky Williams, Allison Pitts, Melanie Bryant, Aprille Allen, and Christina Rushing.

RAs, bottom, from left, are Jeff Byrd, Elliot McCardle, Glenn Chastain, John Paul Chastain, Robert Hill, Blaine Allen, and Kevin Shelton. Leader is Dee McCardle.



Sand Ridge Church, Lake, held a recognition service for members of its church that had perfect attendance in Sunday School, and for reading through the Bible last year.

Those recognized for reading through the Bible last year were Tivola Heflin, Sarah Wade, Jan Hammons, Hilton Hammons, Pat Hammons, and Nancy Hammons.

Pictured are the members with perfect attendance in Sunday School, left to right, back row, James Wade, 10 years; Jessie Paul Harrison, nine years; Amy Hollingsworth, 10 years; Nancy Hammons, three months; and Mary Ruth Dennis, three months. Front row, Sarah Wade, 10 years; Tonya Harrison, 10 years; Karey Hines, three months; Pat Hammons, three months, and Jan Hammons, three months.

Danny Moss is pastor.

Homecomings

Byram (Hinds): Nov. 9; Sunday School, 9:45; worship service, 11 a.m.; Ronnie Robinson, Mt. Moriah, Brookhaven, guest speaker; Richard Sparks, music; lunch served in family life center; afternoon singing program presented by Jeff Steele and Family; no evening service; Ken Harrison, pastor.

Good Hope, Philadelphia: Nov. 9; Founder's Day, 120th anniversary; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; Benny Buckley, pastor, preaching; dinner on ground; The Pearl Quartet in concert, 2 p.m.

Revival Dates

First, Byhalia: Nov. 6-9; Sun., 11 a.m.; Thurs.-Sun., 7 p.m.; John Wood, evangelist, New Life Crusade, has participated in 400 churches in 22 states and five foreign countries; Ken McMillen, pastor.

South 28th Avenue, Hattiesburg: Nov. 2-6; Fred Selby, Hattiesburg, evangelist; Jimmy Cutrell, minister of music, First, Gainesville, Ga., music; Mon.-Thurs., 7 p.m. Rick Hamm, minister of music and youth; Gibbie McMillan, pastor.

Off the Record

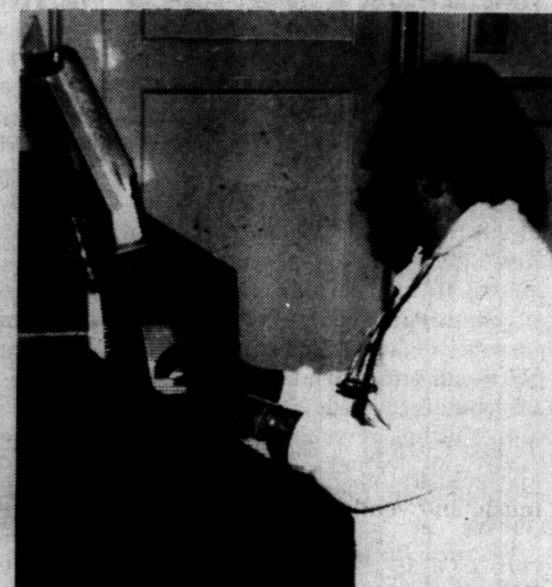
A salesman has been trying to sell a particularly tough prospect and was getting nowhere. Each time he left the prospect's office, he commented: "I wish I had ten like you."

At the end of the fruitless encounter, the unyielding prospect's curiosity got the better of him, and he inquired: "Why do you always say 'I wish I had ten like you?'"

"I have a hundred like you," replied the salesman honestly, "and I wish I had just ten."

The GAs of Woodland Church, (Chickasaw) held their recognition service, Sept. 28. The theme of the program was "What a Wonderful World." Those who completed their mission adventure books were second graders, Talitha Bullard and Cindy Kilgore; fourth grade, Wyndi Nelson; fifth grade, Emily Blackham; and sixth grade, Monica Kirby. Barbara Holland is the leader. Dan Holland is pastor.

Bond Church, Bond, held a memorial-dedication service in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Dizzy Dean, Sept. 14. A baptistry picture, painted by Peter Potter of Gulfport, was unveiled. There was special music and dinner on the ground with about 150 in attendance. John Wade is pastor. Gerald Simmons is associate pastor and minister of music.



First Church, Mount Olive, will dedicate a Rodgers Electronic Pipe Organ, which was given to the church by Mrs. Willie B. Stroud Fileman, Nov. 16, at 11 a.m. Zoe Yates, pictured, 86 years old, is organist. Kenneth Walters is pastor.

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• And start thinking now of questions you might have about missions. There will be a trio of missions agency leaders ready to answer those questions—Foreign Mission Board President **Keith Parks**, Woman's Missionary Union Executive Director **Carolyn Weatherford** and Brotherhood Commission President **James Smith**.

Mark your calendar now for noon-1:30 p.m. (CT) Nov. 22 on the ACTS or BTN Networks. (Spacenet 1, Channel 21, signal not scrambled)

Names in the News

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Meridian native Eddie Broadhead has been hired as adjunct professor of New Testament interpretation for the 1986-87 academic year at Southern Seminary here.

Broadhead is currently a candidate for the doctor of philosophy degree at Southern Seminary, where he earned his master of divinity degree in 1981. He is also a graduate of Mississippi College and has studied at the University of Bern, Switzerland.

Galilee First Church, Mississippi Association, ordained David Wayne Anders and Charles Glynn Huff as deacons for three years terms, Oct. 6. Elmo Unberger, deacon emeritus, delivered the charge to the can-

didates. Mrs. Umberger delivered the charge to the candidates' families, and Randy Rich, pastor, delivered the charge to the church.

Others on the action body of deacons are Robert P. Bounds, chairman, Jim Hall, Jerry Jackson, Leland Stokes, and Donald Thompson.

H. B. (Pete) Rowell was recently ordained deacon at North Columbia Church (Marion). Jackie Cooke is pastor.

David Sills has been licensed to the gospel ministry by Briarwood Drive Church, Jackson. He is married to the Mary Phillips and they have two children. Sills is in his third year of undergraduate work preparing for seminary. He is available for a pastorate, interim, or supply and may be reached through Briarwood Drive Church or contacted at 211 Peach Orchard, Ridgeland, MS 39157, or call (601) 856-5157. Russell Loudon is pastor.

NEW ORLEANS — Paul E. Robertson, from Jackson, Miss., has been elected director of doctor of ministry and continuing education programs at New Orleans Seminary.

Robertson comes to the seminary after serving four years as director of extension center education at the Seminary Extension Education Division of the Six Seminaries in Nashville, Tenn.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Mississippi College, and master of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from New Orleans Seminary.

Robertson has served as pastor of churches in Louisiana and Mississippi. He and his wife, Judy, have two children, Chad, 9, and Charise, 7.

Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

First Church, Carthage, has recently called Randy Von Kanel as pastor. Von Kanel received his M.M. degree from William Carey College. He earned his master of divinity degree and presently working on his Th.D at New Orleans Seminary.

He is married to the former Cynthia Dianne Farris of Pascagoula. They have two children, Landon, a son, three years old, and Randa, a daughter, one year old.

He has served as pastor of Temple Church, Big Point since 1981. He also served two years as a missionary Journeyman in the Caymen Islands.

Staff Changes

Carlee Jones is the new church secretary at Emmanuel, Gulf Coast. She replaces Jean Agustin who served in that capacity for ten years.

Ray Moseley resigned Eastside Church, Raleigh, to accept the pastorate of Goshen Church, Magee, effective Oct. 26.

John E. Reid, of Hattiesburg, has accepted the position of minister of music and youth at North Columbia Church (Marion). Reid is presently enrolled at the University of Southern Mississippi. Since going to North Columbia, he and the former Cindy Henderson of Hattiesburg were married on October 1.

Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, has called Graham Smith as minister of music. He has been serving as interim since the first of this year.

His job will continue to include other responsibilities, so that he will now be associate pastor and minister of administration and music. The church plans to employ a music assistant. Smith came to Morrison Heights in 1980 from Temple, Hattiesburg. Born in Gulfport, he was graduated from

Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

Missionary News

Hugh and Brenda Provost, Baptist representatives to Yemen, have returned to the field (address: Box 8080, Ibb, Yemen). He was born in Jonesboro, Ark., and grew up in Belzoni, Miss., and in Lepanto, Hughes, Harrisburg and West Memphis, Ark. She is the former Brenda Bryles of Pine Bluff, Ark.

Shirley Jackson, missionary to Brazil, has completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Caixa Postal 950, 20001 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil). Born in Bentonville, Ark., she grew up near Natchez, Miss. She was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1956.

Louise Ellyson Westbrook, an emeritus missionary to China, died Oct. 26 in Richmond, Va. She was 92. Mrs. Westbrook served in China for 28 years at the University of Shanghai, where she met her husband, the late C. Hart Westbrook.

Almost 500 people accepted Christ through the ministries of the Baptist hospital in Sanyati, Zimbabwe, during 1985.

Senior Adult Corner

The senior adults of Jefferson Davis and Covington Association held their fall meeting at the associational building, October 4, with a covered dish luncheon.

The invocation was given by Kenneth Stringer. The vice-president,

James Franklin Polk gave the devotional. A film was shown concerning the adult convention, which will be held April, 1987 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Tom Mercier, minister of music, Prentiss Church, led the group in singing gospel songs.

N.O. Seminary will hold seminar for January Bible Study leaders

New Orleans Seminary will hold a seminar for January Bible Study leaders Dec. 8.

The seminar will be led by Billy E. Simmons, chairman of the school's division of biblical studies, and the study course book, "James: Faith Works!", will be provided for each participant.

Sessions will meet 9 a.m. to noon,

and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at New Orleans Seminary. Continuing education credit will be available for those who participate.

Cost will be \$5. For more information or to register, contact the Office of Continuing Education, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, La. 70126-4895.

Black relations post is filled

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — A Suffolk, Va., pastor has been named manager of the black church relations section of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Victor L. Davis, 34, pastor of the East End Baptist Church in Suffolk since 1980, started work Oct. 22. He replaced Willie Simmons, who left the position in August to return to Los Angeles as a bivocational pastor.

Davis is to promote foreign missions in churches, recruit black Southern Baptists for foreign mission

service, serve as a liaison between the Foreign Mission Board and black Baptist conventions in the United States, and communicate with pastors and lay people of the 900 black Southern Baptist churches.

Davis has a doctor of ministries degree from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va., a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and a bachelor's degree from Norfolk (Va.) State University. He and his wife, Rosa, a schoolteacher, have two children.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON COMMENTARIES

Yes, you are your brother's — and sister's — keeper

James W. Street

Genesis 4:3-12, 15

There is no conjecture necessary as to why God had regard for Abel's offering and had no regard for Cain's offering. We don't know why — but we do know what happened out of rejection. Cain got killing mad. I suppose that anger is a normal reaction of being rejected — but killing your brother isn't! One mentor used to say, "Feelings are amoral. What you do with your feelings is another matter." God, the greatest counselor, tried to get Cain to work out his feelings constructively and warned him of the dire consequences should he fail to master the temptation.

I am confident there is a large quantity of anger present among us today. Indeed one psychiatric survey indicated that anger and its nefarious hangers-on is the greatest single problem in life. Two M.D.'s explaining the psychological effects of anger concluded their remarks with these words: "Pent-up anger is probably the leading cause of death." We live in a time of seething rage. Some folk are angry at the whole shape of life and at the God who is responsible for it all.

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This rage takes on many forms. Many women are angry because they are in a world that is largely dominated by men. Others are resentful of the toll being a male has taken on them. There are people who are angry at having to grow old in a society that worships the young. There are all kinds of anger in the atmosphere — some may be present in you and me!

Suffice it to say, Cain did not handle his feeling constructively. The obverse is true. Cain's feelings mishandled him and fratricide resulted. From sibling jealousy, to anger, to murder, to lying to God (is there any other kind of lying), to the ubiquitous question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Can you imagine? Of course Cain asked, not for information or direction, but as a way of deflecting the probing queries of God.

You see, Cain chose to succumb to his emotions — he chose to be jealous and angry, he chose to kill his brother, he chose to lie, he chose to try to divert his responsibility. Somebody

said, "He who angers you conquers you." You can choose. You can learn to control your tongue, your temper, and your tantrum. I hear people say, "I just lost my temper," as if they had nothing to do with the loss. You choose to lose your temper. Infantile behavior is not inevitable in anybody older than an infant.

That brief flicker of rage that seems so right to you may cause a sundering of the relationship between you and a colleague or an employer. Yielding to that momentary flash of anger can drive an immovable wedge between you and someone you love. Remember? Feelings are amoral. What you do with them is another matter. We all experience anger. The key for the Christian is learning to control its manifestation. We are our brother's and sister's keeper!

A widely-read paraphrase of Proverbs 14:29 states: "A wise man controls his temper. He knows that anger causes mistakes" — mistakes like war, fractured families, hurt feelings, murder, destroyed friendships and bruised bodies. You must understand that anger and its compatriots are behind all violent upheavals and humanity's inhumanity. Cain failed to take

God's advice and wound up a sibling slayer. How far from God's intention Cain came! God wanted and wants his people to protect and assist their "brother." The rhetorical question of Cain cries out for a retort — yes, you are your brother's keeper.

Cain's sin did not go unnoticed or unpunished. God knew and pronounced judgement: difficulty in crop production and sentenced to a lifetime of wanderlust. But please notice that the sentence did not really equate with the crime. A murderer sentenced to a lifetime — not to a death. He was stamped with guilt which also served as God's protective shield of grace. Those who might be tempted to take justice into their own hands were warned with punishment that was seven times as terrible as that bestowed on Cain. Vengeance belongs to God, not to humans.

What you do with your feelings matters! You can choose to give in to them and let them control you. Or, you can choose to control them, to channel them into positive, constructive directions. God's power is available for that kind of endeavor.

James Street is pastor, First, Cleveland.

Judah learns that cost of rejecting God is great

By Robert E. Self

2 Kings 24:18-25:9

In the lesson for last week, we studied about the destruction of the nation of Israel in the north. Remember that because of the confrontation between Jeroboam and Rehoboam, the nation was split into two kingdoms with Jeroboam ruling in Israel and Rehoboam in Judah, in Jerusalem. You will notice that many of the elements that led to the fall of Israel are also present in our study of the fall of Judah.

I. A rejection of God (2 Kings 24:18-20)

The practices of the youthful Zedekiah were the same as those of a series of kings who reigned before him. The leaders of a nation over a period of time had become corrupt. The Bible tells us that he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord.

Jeremiah 7 tells us more about their specific sins. The people who had been in covenant with God sacrificed their children by fire to pagan gods. They stole, murdered, swore falsely, committed adultery, and walked after other gods. Their corruption was such that every rule that

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God gave them seems to have been broken.

The accumulation of sins over the generations set in motion the judgment of God. He allows judgment to come as a result of the actions of a weak king. Zedekiah allowed his advisors to talk him into rebelling against Babylon. This action set the stage for judgment.

II. A reign of terror (2 Kings 25:1-5)

Near the end of the reign of Zedekiah, Nebuchadnezzar laid siege to the city of Jerusalem. The king of Babylon was one of the most powerful men of his day. He brought his whole army against Jerusalem and sealed it off. Judah could not survive.

The siege lasted for about a year and a half. The siege produced famine so severe that there was no food to eat. Without adequate means of preserving food or replenishing the supply, the people were soon desperate. The book of Lamentations describes their horror. Men's skins turned black, wealthy women searched

for morsels in dunghills, children were devoured by their parents, water was sold, and a third of the people died of famine and plague. The army of Judah finally fled, leaving the people defenseless. It was a hard time.

III. The results of evil (2 Kings 25:6-9)

Once again we learn that the disobedience of those to whom much has been committed is costly. Zedekiah fled with his army but was captured. He was brought before the king of Babylon and judgment was passed. His sons were killed before his eyes. Then, Zedekiah's eyes were put out. The last thing that he saw in this world was the execution of his sons. That memory would always be vivid in his mind, present in his daytime thoughts and his dreams by night. Only death would erase the picture.

The harvest of evil had not been completed yet. After all the suffering of the people, the death of Zedekiah's sons and the blinding of Zedekiah, the king sent one of his men along with part of his army to Jerusalem. This official set fire to the temple of the Lord and to all the important houses of Jerusalem. The destruc-

tion of the temple was the ultimate act to break the unity of the people. What little faith they retained in God would be destroyed. The walls were broken down, leaving the people with no refuge. Finally, the remaining people in the city were deported into exile. The cost for rejecting God was great.

Conclusion:

Rudyard Kipling's poem "Recessional" was written to remind the people of the British Empire that they were under the hand of God. They must not allow themselves to believe in their military might over the power of God. If a nation is to remain great, it must offer to God the ancient sacrifice of a "contrite and humble heart." Throughout the poem, the refrain is repeated, "Lest we forget — lest we forget."

Both as persons and as a nation we are tempted to believe that we are the sole planners of our destiny. It is so easy to trust the gods of our own making and to believe that our armor will ensure our longevity. It is not so. The cost for rejecting God is the same today as yesterday.

Robert Self is pastor, First, Brookhaven.

Jesus begins his ministry of healing at Cana

By Marjean Patterson

John 4:43-5:18

The first great miracle — or "sign" — of Jesus took place in the small town of Cana of Galilee. Some time later, he visited Cana again and began his healing ministry there.

John declared that the Galileans were happy to have Jesus back home. Some of them had been in Jerusalem when Jesus ordered the money-changers out of the Temple, and they were glad to see him back in his "own part of the country."

I. Healing the nobleman's son (4:46-54)

A nobleman, likely someone connected with the king, travelled from Capernaum to Cana to see Jesus. This official had made the effort to find Jesus because of the serious illness of the ruler's young son. The boy, in fact, was near death.

The persistence of the nobleman was demonstrated in the words of John that "he begged" — or kept on asking strongly — for the restoration of his dear son.

Jesus took pity on the unnamed ruler and suggested that he return home, for his son would live. Though the ruler must have wondered in his heart about what would hap-

pen, he trusted Jesus and returned to his home.

Imagine the happiness and joy which overcame the ruler when he was met with the good news that his son was improving; in fact, the fever had broken at the exact time when Jesus had assured the father that the son would live.

As a result of this miracle, the ruler and "all his household" believed.

II. A lame man healed in Jerusalem (5:1-9a)

Some time after the healing of the nobleman's son, Jesus and his disciples were back in Jerusalem for a feast. The companions of Jesus most likely never found it necessary to walk for exercise, since their Master was an energetic, healthy man who walked up and down the plains and hills from Galilee to Judea and back.

On this visit to Jerusalem described by John, Jesus went to a pool which was surrounded by sick and crippled people waiting for an opportunity to get into the water. The pool was fed by a spring which flowed intermittently, causing the water to be troubled. Jewish belief was that an angel disturbed the water, and the first

sick person to get into the pool thereafter would be healed.

As Jesus walked among the suffering people, his heart went out to them in compassion and understanding. One who was there came to the particular attention of Jesus. John mentioned that the man had been crippled for 38 years.

Though most ill people would like to be well, not all would. Jesus asked the man if he desired to be made whole. The answer of the crippled man was in the affirmative. Likely he had been taken to the pool by family or friends and left there. He explained to Jesus that when the waters were troubled, there was no one there to get him into the pool — others always beat him to the water. Something beautiful in the spirit of the man emerged as he talked to Jesus. The eternal optimism inherent within the human spirit was reflected in the persistence of the man. Surely each time the "water was troubled" he must have thought, "This will be my time!"

The only requirement of Jesus to the man was that he would get up, pick up the mat on which he had lain, begin to walk and keep on walking. Immediately the man obeyed Jesus — and he was cured.

III. Controversy about the healing (5:9b-18)

Now the good news in this story, obviously, was that Jesus healed a man; the "bad news" was that it was done on the sabbath. It didn't seem to matter to the Jewish leaders that the poor man was not up walking. Even though the cripple was made whole, a controversy erupted. This is the first open hostility to Jesus recorded in John's gospel. For the man to carry his bed on the sabbath was a violation of one of the interpretations of the fourth commandment.

And so, because Jesus was ministering to people, going about his Father's work, the Jews began to watch him and to dog his steps in hopes of finding him involved in other "illegal" activities. From this time forth, the sabbath controversy was on and it would continue until the crucifixion of Jesus.

Marjean Patterson is executive director, Mississippi WMU.



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Village Programs

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Although principles and philosophies alluded to above have long been utilized by the staff at this agency on an individual, case by case basis; The Baptist Children's Village has, in recent years, formally organized its approach in this behalf. These task-oriented programs include, but are not restricted to, those described below:

Family Clarification — In not to exceed 12 months, the basis of the family problem is identified, addressed and arrested to a safe and acceptable degree. Child, natural family and Village staff cooperate from the program's inception in attaining stated goals which progress to the reuniting of child and family.

Preparation For Independent Living — Older adolescents are assigned to residential agencies for custodial care in increasing numbers. Many face early entry into the adult world with deficient academic backgrounds and with no skills or training. Others are academically successful, but have no other resource to prepare them for independence. By this program, for varying periods of time, The Children's Village prepares the adolescent,

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Intermediate Care — Intermediate Care is a program offered to those children whose current needs can not be met in either the Family Clarification or Preparation for Independent Living Programs. The program is not limited to a particular age group. It is recognized that the complex needs of children frequently prohibit their qualifying for and neatly fitting into the structure of one or more existing programs offered by The Baptist Children's Village. The individuality of children and the multi-faceted, complicated backgrounds from which they come mandate that both their immediate and long-range plans of care be approached in a highly personalized fashion. Intermediate Care provides the flexibility necessary to service the needs of children and their families by insuring that they are not forced into the structure of a program mold which can not fully address their special problems.

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Gifts of Honor and Memory

A portion of the Village View is allocated each month to a list of Gifts of Honor and Memory. and helpful medium. This feature is hopefully designed to further honor, with taste and respect, Many groups and individuals elect to pay tribute to others through this sensitive, meaningful those who are and have been special to our special friends.

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Christmas at school doesn't violate

MIAMI, Fla. (EP) — A Florida case involving Christmas celebrations in public schools has been settled out of court in a manner reaffirming that such celebrations do not violate the U.S. Constitution, according to Concerned Women for America (CWA), which handled the case.

Michael Farris, General Legal Counsel for CWA, successfully negotiated an out-of-court settlement to the lawsuit just days before the case was scheduled to go to trial.

The school district admitted that it violated the constitutional rights of then-second grade student Olivia Meyers and then-eighth grade student Rebecca Reichert, when it restricted their Christmas-oriented communications. A teacher and vice-principal forbade Olivia from distributing Christmas cards to her classmates, and another teacher ordered Rebecca to remove and destroy an art project depicting the Nativity, which was posted on the door for a school-wide art contest.

The school district also agreed to pay damages to the two families for violating the constitutional rights.

Dutch Reformed vote to open

CAPE TOWN Philippines, S. Africa (EP) — The all-white Dutch Reformed Church broke a century of support for apartheid Oct. 21, voting to let blacks, Asians, and people of mixed races join.

The decision was hailed as a breakthrough by liberals in the church. But delegates to a church synod in Cape Town stopped short of merging their denomination with three sister non-white churches. As a result, racial segregation will probably continue, although it has been abolished in church law and canon.

The delegates also postponed a vote on proposals to condemn apartheid as morally wrong and without foundation in Scripture. The church has long provided ideological support for apartheid, South Africa's system of white minority rule.

A Christian shows what he is by what he does with what he has.

Good ideas need landing gear as well as wings.

Never carry your knowledge or your shotgun at half cock.

Pope approves Carbon-14 testing of Shroud of Turin

TURIN, Italy (BP) — Carbon-14 testing to establish the age of the Shroud of Turin — believed by some to be the burial cloth of Christ — has been approved by Pope John Paul II, after years of consideration.

Anastasio Cardinal Ballestrero, Archbishop of the northern city of Turin and custodian of the shroud, announced the authorization after meeting with scientists. He said the first results of the test will probably be ready for publication in 1988.

"The plan calls for a coordinated operation involving several different laboratories specialized in carbon dating of small samples and for collaboration of experts from other fields," Ballestrero said. Carbon-14 testing is expected to establish the cloth's age within a margin of 250 years.

The shroud is more than 14 feet long and three feet wide, and bears unexplained images of a crucified man, with stains corresponding to the crucifixion of Jesus. Tests run in 1978 indicated that the stains were made by blood, and suggested that the image is not the product of an artist. A team of scientists reported in 1981 "The Shroud image is that of a real human form of a crucified man." A microscopic examination of fibers from the cloth conducted in 1973 revealed pollen grains from plants indigenous to the Dead Sea area and the Middle East.

A team examining the shroud in 1978 was not allowed to carbon-date the cloth because the test would have destroyed a small part of the cloth. Experts say the test has been refined, and will now require little more

than a thread of the cloth.

An article in the July/August *Biblical Archaeology Review* suggested that the image may have been formed by a chemical process called mercerization: the damp alkaline limestone of a first-century Jerusalem cave tomb rubbing onto the linen could have produced the yellowish images on the shroud. Because the process is accelerated by heat, the man's back, lying on the stone, cooled more quickly than the front of his body and thus produced a fainter image.

FBC, Amory, RAs active in missions

Royal Ambassadors from First Church, Amory, moved a freezer to the interchurch Amory Food Bank which was begun by the ministerial association. An active group, the RAs' previous project was when seven of them went to the Pioneer Congress in Memphis and helped First Church there give out Bibles. Each year the boys help set up the camp at Central Hills Baptist Retreat and have helped paint and cut trails at Bird and Camp Baptist Retreat, which is operated by their Baptist Association. The boys include Jeff Wideman, 14; Danny Wade, 14; Jeff Colburn, 15; Lane Murphy, 12; Jon Riles, 14; Lee

Murphy, 15; Michael Wilson, 14; and Mike Warren, 14. Leaders include Travis Murray, director; Ken Holmes, Ken Lawrence, and Robert Hutto.

Royal Ambassadors is the Southern Baptist missions education program for boys in grades 1-12. The program is administered nationwide by the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis. For details on beginning RA work, contact Jim Didlake, RA consultant for Mississippi Baptists at 968-3800 in Jackson.

Royal Ambassador week is observed in SBC churches, Nov. 2-8.

"Secular humanism" on trial

MOBILE, Ala. (EP) — Secular humanism in public school textbooks is on trial in Alabama. Testimony has begun in a case which gives the first official airing of an assertion on conservative Christians: that public education ignores the role of religion in U.S. history and culture, and instead advances a philosophy which some Christians label "secular humanism."

"What is secular humanism?" asked Federal District Judge Brevard Hand, who is presiding in the Alabama textbook case. "Is it a religion and is it being taught in the schools?" The judge is expected to be sympathetic to the concerns of conservative Christians. Hand previously said that the Supreme Court erred by barring prayer in public schools.

Fundamentalist parents are plaintiffs in the case, which challenges about 50 of the 4,000 books now in use in Mobile schools. History books are being challenged for failure to include

religious references, and home economics books have been faulted for including advice believed to advance humanism.

"It is my understanding that the tenets of humanism are being set forth in many books used in the public schools," testified eighth-grade science teacher Douglas T. Smith. Smith defines humanism as "non-theistic religion that states that man is the center of all importance." Smith says this disturbs him because "God is the center of everything that is important."

William R. Coulson, a professor of psychology and education at United States International University in San Diego, complained in his testimony about the emphasis in home economics texts on individual moral decision-making, rather than absolute ideas of right and wrong. "From a Bible-believing perspective that's not true, saying you can make your own choice," he said. "Where do

they get off, teaching that?

One of the strongest witnesses for the plaintiffs was James Hitchcock, professor of history at St. Louis University and author of *What Is Secular Humanism?* and other books on the subject. Hitchcock traced the development of humanism from the 15th century Renaissance humanities teachers, through the expansion of the term to include denial of divine inspiration of the Scriptures in the 18th century. "In the 18th century we really begin to get atheism as such," he said. "Now it usually denotes this godless kind of philosophy. Generally speaking, in academic and intellectual circles, humanism is indeed a religion."

Attorneys hired by the American Civil Liberties Union and People for the American Way have announced their intention to show "secular humanism, as the plaintiffs use it, is a convenient label" to attack differing beliefs.

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